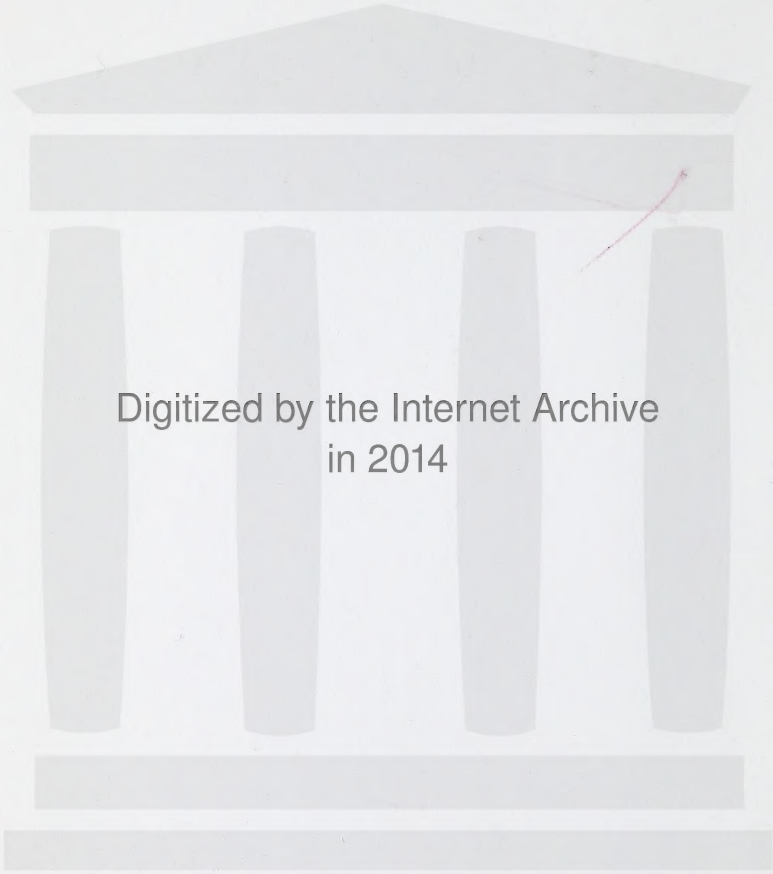
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FROM THE

SESSIONS ROLLS

1581 TO 1698.

VOLUME I.

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PREFACE.

In 1895 the Hertfordshire County Council appointed a Committee "to consider and report upon the question of County Records, "and as to the best means of arranging and keeping them," in order to make them accessible to persons desiring to inspect them for historical or other purposes. The Committee consisted of:—

Sir John Evans, K.C.B. (Chairman).
The Earl of Clarendon (Lord Lieutenant).
The Hon. Baron Dimsdale.
T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P.
G. Faudel Phillips, Esq.
M. R. Pryor, Esq.
H. J. Toulmin, Esq.,

with Mr. C. E. Longmore, the Clerk of the Peace, as Clerk to the Committee.

It was decided that the Sessions Rolls for the county, preserved in the county muniment room at Hertford, should be first dealt with, as containing the most varied information, and that these documents should be placed in the hands of Messrs. S. Austin and Sons, Ltd., of Hertford, for cleaning and flattening, and that, when in proper condition, they should be submitted to my firm to be sorted and numbered, and notes and extracts taken from those of most interest as illustrating general or local history, and genealogy, or as bearing upon deviations in highways or footpaths, rights-of-way, the up-keep of bridges, or other matters which might be of current legal value to the County Council. Having dealt with the documents on these lines they were to be returned to Messrs. Austin and Sons, Ltd., for binding. The decisions of the Committee were duly endorsed by the Council

and have been carried out, the Rolls having been already calendared down to 1850.

The earliest Sessions Roll now in the custody of the County Council is that for the year 1620. After the work of calendaring had been in progress for some time and the calendar had been brought down to 1740, the late Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., informed the County Council that he had in his muniment room at Hatfield a number of Sessions Rolls for Hertfordshire, which he was willing should be calendared in the same manner as the Rolls in the custody of the County Council. Lord Salisbury was good enough to entrust these Rolls to my firm, and extracts were made from them. The importance of these documents from a historical point of view cannot well be over-estimated, as they provide us (though not in unbroken sequence) with materials for county history from 1581 to 1620, when, as already stated, the Sessions Rolls in the custody of the county commence. The presence of these Rolls in Lord Salisbury's muniment room is no doubt accounted for by the fact that some of his ancestors have filled the post of *Custos Rotulorum* of the county.

In noting the Sessions Rolls from Hatfield it was felt that it would be advisable to make somewhat more numerous and fuller extracts than had been taken from the Rolls at the Shire Hall, and the interest which attached to these extracts when made induced me to ask the Committee's permission to re-note the Rolls from 1620 to 1700. This permission was very readily granted, so that the Rolls from 1581 to 1700 have now been calendared very fully. From 1700 to 1740 (the date reached when the Rolls in Lord Salisbury's custody were discovered) the calendar originally made has been printed. After 1740 the Rolls have been fully calendared. I venture to think that as an addendum to the third and last volume of the calendar to the Sessions Rolls, supplemental notes to the Rolls from 1700 to 1740 might be made and printed.

It must be borne in mind by those who study the present

calendar that none of the Sessions Rolls for the Liberty of St. Alban, which comprises a considerable part of the county, have been dealt with. These are preserved at the Court House, St. Albans, and have not yet been cleaned or flattened. They commence about the year 1780. I have considerable hope that the late Lord Salisbury's action in bringing to the notice of the county authorities the existence of certain of the county Sessions Rolls in his muniment room may induce the descendants of some of those whose ancestors have filled the post of *Custos Rotulorum* of the Liberty to investigate their muniment rooms, in order to see if any of the Sessions Rolls or other records belonging to the Liberty are there preserved.

It will of course be noticed that in all save a few cases we do not obtain in the Sessions Rolls a record of the decision of the Justices in the various matters that came before them. These decisions are, I have little doubt, recorded in the Sessions Books, or Registers, which commence (in the case of the county) about the year 1638, and in the case of the Liberty about the close of the eighteenth century. It is much to be hoped that a calendar to these documents will some day be undertaken.

The two volumes of calendar to which the following remarks form a preface cover the period from 1581 to 1850. In them will be found many illustrations of well-known incidents in English history. Soon after the death of Queen Elizabeth's favourite, the Earl of Leicester, we find a presentment by the grand jury that a certain Thomas Davies had described him as a traitor, whilst Richard Eames, or Emes, had said that the fact was well known to the Queen herself, and to her council; for, he added, "I cuminge "over with the Earl of Darbie, when he came out of Flanders, he "brought over a scrowle of writinge of his (Leicester's) treason to "this length, making a mark on his staffe to the length of halfe a "yarde" (Vol. I., pp. 7-8).

A little later, in 1596, Edward Bull deposed to hearing it said on Cottered Green that the Lord Admiral of England (Lord

Howard of Effingham) had put sand into barrels instead of "powlder," in the ships "that the Earl of Essex should go forth "withal, and that the Lord Admiral for that reason had been "committed to the Tower." A tailor of Cottered made a similar deposition, and Thomas Antwisel, who was suspected of bringing the news from the Court, having lately been there, confessed that he had said "there was sand or grease where powder should be, "but he thought it was not by the Lord Admiral's means" (I. 24).

We find little as to the great Civil War in the Sessions Rolls. In 1646 it was reported that Robert Wilson, of Ashwell, had said that he had heard the Cavaliers were coming to Ashwell, and if they did, it should be his work to show them the houses of the Roundheads and where to plunder (I. 80).

During the Commonweath, in 1654, the Hertford Justices received a letter, apparently from the Lord Lieutenant or the County Committee, touching the defeat of the "late rebellion and "insurrection," and hoping that "an effectual course" would be taken "for the total disappointment of the whole designe." The justices were also directed to see that suspicious assemblies were dispersed, and an account taken of strangers in the county; this would serve the purpose of suppressing "lose and idle "persons" and perhaps lead to the arrest of some of those "who came from abroad to kindle fires here" (I. 109). A reference to the Fire of London will be mentioned presently (*post* p. xvii.).

As might be expected we find, from time to time, indictments of persons for speaking disloyal and seditious words against the reigning sovereign, or, during the interregnum, the Commonwealth. A Broxbourne man was arrested, soon after the discovery of the Rye House Plot,* for speaking words in vindication of Richard Rumbold "who is mentioned in the King's proclamation for con-"spiring the death of his Majesty and the Duke of York" (I. 331).

* The "manor or mansion houses" of "le Rye" is mentioned as early as 1598 (I. 29).

In June, 1685, an order was sent to the constables and headboroughs of Ware, warning them that there were divers persons in that town opposed to the Government, who might be dangerous, "especially in this time of the rebellion of the Duke of "Monmouth." The persons suspected were summoned before the authorities at the George Inn, and were bound over to keep the peace (I. 351).

At Berkhampstead Thomas Wells gave information that four men had come to him "and askt him to play at football, but that "was not the business; 'twas to goe and be listed for the Duke of "Monmouth" (I. 353). In that town, as at Ware and Cheshunt (I. 358), suspected persons were bound over, some in £50 and some in £100 (I. 353). A baker at Bishop's Stortford was tried at the same Sessions for speaking "these false words, 'that where the "'King had one on his side, the Duke of Monmouth had thirty, "'and where the said King's health was drunke once, the said "'Duke's was drunke tenne tymes'" (I. 355).

In July, 1685, the Earl of Bridgewater received a letter from Whitehall stating that the King, "having received advise of the "entire defeate of the rebells," desired the county justices to endeavour to apprehend and prevent the escape of any such rebels or suspected persons "who shall be found travelling up and down," and to search any houses in which they might have taken refuge. This communication was forwarded by Lord Bridgewater to the justices, and on the back of his letter are some rough notes as to persons bound by recognizances; some being bound for having said that "the D[uke] of M[onmouth] was upon his march with four-"score thousand men," and for being "suspicious" against the Government (I. 359).

In October, 1701, the High Sheriff and Justices of Hertfordshire were preparing a loyal address to King William III., on the French King's asserting a right in the pretended Prince of Wales to the crown of England (II. 31).

In 1716 is an entry in the high constable's account illus-

trative of the abortive Jacobite rising of the previous year; it is as to horses and carriages hired and pressed to convey the prisoners, taken at Preston, from St. Albans to Barnet on their way towards London for trial (II. 49); health drinking to "James III" is mentioned in the same year (II. 50), and we have probably an instance of a gathering of protest against the Hanoverian who then sat upon the English throne, in the recognizances for the appearance of William Brotherstone and others to answer for coming to Watton on "Oak apple day," 1717, wearing "green boughs" on their hats and carrying flags (II. 50).

The working of various Acts against those who differed from the religious belief of the Church of England is very fully illustrated throughout the two columes of the calendar to which these remarks form a preface. In the earlier part of the calendar the prosecutions are mostly of Roman Catholics. Indictments occur of persons who had not been to church or received the Sacrament, and whose children were unbaptised (I. 46, 49). In 1620, Susan, Lady Foster of Hunsdon, was summoned, because she had not repaired to her parish church, "or any other place of common "prayer," for six months (I. 52).

An Order in Council dated at Whitehall, 5 February, 1674-5, to the *Custos Rotulorum* of Hertfordshire demanded the return of the conviction of recusants into the Exchequer (I. 256).

In 1679, about the time of the discovery by Titus Oates of the suspected Popish Plot, the Court of Quarter Sessions ordered that "the Lady Glascock, wife of Sir William Glascock, of Bushey, and "Elizabeth Durant, her waiting gentlewoman," reported to be Popish recusants, should appear before the Justices of the Peace and "take the Oath of Allegiance and supremacy as the law "requires, and further to enter into recognizances with sufficient "suertyes to keepe the peace and to bee of the good behaviour untill "the next general quarter sessions" (I. 296). At the same time the Court sent directions to the constables, churchwardens, headboroughs and other parish officers in different parts of the county

to find out where recusants were living. The charge to Much Hadham has been preserved, and in it the constables are bidden to "take an exact account of the names and surnames of all such "persons as are popish recusants or reputed so to be. . . . and to "make a present list of the names, age, and quality of all such "persons. . . . that they thereupon maye be summoned before "the said Justices to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy "according to law. And further you and every one of you are "commanded to disarme all popish recusants and all others as are "papish or justly suspected so to be . . . ." (I. 296-297). We find the lists returned from Standon (I. 297 and 303-4), Cheshunt and Hertingfordbury (I. 298), Furneaux Pelham (I. 303-4), and North Mimms (I. 304-5). In 1682 the constables for the half hundred of Braughing stated that they had "noe recusants nor "popish priests nor Jesuits in the parishes of Buntingford, West-"mill, Thundridge, Braughing, Standon and Ware, but there are "quakers . . . . all of whom are already convicted or indicted" (I. 315). In 1689 the jurors of various parts of the county declared that they had not to their knowledge any popish recusants in their parishes, or any other persons disaffected to the Government (I. 381).

It will be remembered that after the failure of the Savoy Conference in 1661, parliament passed the Corporation Act, the Act of Uniformity in 1662, and the Conventicle Acts in 1664 and 1670: under all these we find numerous prosecutions.

In 1664 a Quakeress was condemned to pay a fine of £20, or undergo six months' imprisonment; two Quakers were convicted, and three others, who stood mute, were transported to Barbados (I. 166).

In 1667 a letter was addressed to the county justices from the court at Whitehall, expressing "his Majesty's constant desire "for the ease and happiness of his people, haveing amongst "other things put him upon enquiring into the goales and prisons "of this kingdome, and haveing received information that in

"many of them there are as well objects fit for his clemency "as justice, both which he is willing to dispence in such manner "as bold offenders may receive noe encouragement, whilst his "Majesty extends mercy to unwary and seduced persons whom "there may be any hopes of reclayming," an order was given to the justices to return "the name, time, and causes of com- "mittal of all such persons as shall then be in custody in a "goale or prison of that county, and perticularly of that sort "of people called Quakers, with your opinion concerning them "respectively, who of them may be fit objects for his Majesty's "mercy, and who are ringleaders of Faction in contempt of the "lawes" (I. 190).

The Conventicle Acts seem to have been enforced with considerable rigour in Hertfordshire. In 1675, for instance, the constables of Baldock presented a list of goods distrained from the Quakers there, and added, "If it please your Worship, here is "all that we could come at for all the gates and doores were "all lockt, that we could come at noe more of their goods, there- "fore we would desire your worship not to be very strict with "us, for we have done our endeavours for to get them all dis- "trayned" (I. 263). In the following March these goods were sold for 15s. 6d., and a receipt is entered under the late April 4th for 5s. sent by the clerk of the peace "as the King's part "of conventicling money leavyed of the goods of severall persons "in Baldock" (I. 274).

The Quakers were pretty widely dispersed over the county, and at a later date, when their meeting houses were licenced, we find them at Cheshunt, Graveley, Hemel Hempstead, Ickleford, Ware, and Watton.*

There are amongst the records now calendared a number of certificates as to the loyalty to the Church of suspected non-conformists. One, dated in 1668-9, states that Abraham Watson,

*For the localities in which other nonconforming bodies had meeting houses, see index under Nonconformity.

of Sawbridgeworth, "is and hath been for these five years last "past, or more, a man conformable and obedient to the government ". . . . that he hath ever since frequented his parish church "and none other, that he hath ever since received the holy sacra- "ment twice or thrice every year, that he hath ever since payd "his tithes and all church duties, that at that time or before he "voluntarily tooke the oath of allegiance, and hath ever since payd "all taxes and town rates . . . ." The certificate ends with an appeal that, on account of this, and his poverty, his goods might not be seized to pay a fine of "three pounds and odd "money; which is double the fine imposed upon any obstinate "willfull excommunicated person in our parish, and that he be "not henceforward more rigorously dealt with than those that "are out of the Comunion of the Church" (I. 219, 220).

In 1671 John How, "being lame and diseased, insomuch that "by reason of his griefe and paine thereby he was not able to "repaire to his parish church of Northmimms, there to continue "during the tyme of divine service and sermon," had been indicted for not going to church and imprisoned for nearly three years; he therefore petitioned to be freed from his "long and "tedious imprisonment, which had been the ruin of himself, his "wife, and six children" (I. 226).

The rector of Datchworth signed a certificate in 1685 that two of his parishioners, formerly indicted as dissenters, had since that time "frequently resorted to the parish church of Datchworth, "and have there decently and reverently behaved themselves "during Divine service" (I. 357).

A certificate of the opposite kind was presented at the same Sessions, signed by the curate of Much Munden, and witnessing that two men who stood bound by recognizances for "being "notorious dissenters, and utterly disaffected to the government," had not attended service since the time that they were bound, and although one of them had once appeared at Church, it was "not "before the public prayer of the Church were ended" (I. 358).

A man was summoned in 1684 to answer the charge of using, among other, these seditious words :—"I have it under the King's "privy signet to go to what conventicle I please, where I please, "and how I please" (I. 343).

After the repeal of the laws against Protestant dissenters we find the Hertfordshire justices granting licenses for public worship in chapels and meeting-houses. These are of interest, as showing where the different sects had their strongholds in the county.

Among the late papers we find a certificate dated 1792, under the Toleration Act of 31 George III, notifying that two men were "priests, professing the Popish religion," and that they had a chapel or school for Roman Catholic youths at Old Hall, Standon (II. 175). Two entries of 1808 refer to the Roman Catholics of the same place desiring to take the oath of allegiance before the justices (II. 218).

Some of the references to interruptions of Divine service are interesting as revealing the spirit of the age. About the year 1640, several men are recorded to have entered the chancel of Great Hadham Church, and there they "beat down" the stained glass window at the east end, and pulled up and destroyed the altar rails (I. 65). The vicar, writing about "that barbarous and "most impious act lately committed in my church of Much "Hadham," stated that he had discovered the "actors and "abettors"—one of whom did not like "the pictures in the windows"—and, with a remarkable display of Christian charity, begged that if the offenders would willingly repair the damage legal proceedings might be suspended (I. 68). A parishioner of Bovingdon who, in 1654, had interrupted the minister's sermon, was ordered to make a public acknowledgment and submission in the church (I. 108). A Royalist blacksmith of Essendon, on a feast day* in 1656 ordered to be kept by the Lord Protector, disturbed the minister in his "praying and preaching, by working

*Probably an error for fast day.

"and beating his anvil in a most excessive and violent manner" (I. 113).

At Hunsdon in 1658 a non-parishioner entered the church whilst the minister was in the pulpit, having just completed his prayer before the sermon. The stranger said with a loud voice, "The prayer of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." The minister, apparently nothing loath to indulge in a little argument in church, enquired if the stranger applied that Scripture to him? What answer, if any, was made, could not be heard "by reason of "the tumult that was in the church" (I. 122). In the same year at Thorley a parishioner invited the minister, who had just completed his sermon, to give an account "of the call he had to the ministry." What explanation the reverend gentleman afforded we do not know, but his interrogator called him "hireling, false prophet, and deluder of the people." The offender did not deny his offence, but asserted "that he was moved thereunto by the Spirit of the "Lord" (I. 122-123).

The distressed condition of the dispossessed clergy during the Commonwealth has frequently been made apparent by historians, and it is illustrated in an interesting way by an entry in the Hertfordshire Sessions Rolls. Some time between 1652 and 1656 Stephen Jones, "the late minister of Shenley," petitioned the justices for relief. At the request of the petitioners he had resigned his cure and "took himself to teach a school" in his vicarage till dispossessed of it by the intruded minister. He was thus, "by "want of employment," reduced to "poverty and sickness," and had been forced to beg for parish relief. Two shillings a week had been allowed him, but he found this insufficient to keep "himself, "a wife, and three small children." The justices, be it said to their credit, had taken pity on his lot and had ordered the churchwardens and overseers to increase his weekly allowance to five shillings, but they had refused to obey the order (I. 99).

After the Restoration we find a few indications of the retention of their livings by the intruded ministers. These indications

mostly occur in refusals to read the Book of Common Prayer. In 1661 the vicars of All Saints, Hertford and Bishop's Stortford, were indicted for not reading "the book of Common Prayer and "divine service," and of the former it was alleged that he had not read the service for three months (I. 138, 144). The rector of Cottered, in 1662, refused to use the prayer-book (I. 145, 146), and the rector of Eastwick was charged with neglecting to conduct Divine Service in his church for two years (I. 146).

The observance of Sunday was strictly enforced in the county, and arrests were frequently made of those who were detected in Sunday trading. Licensed victuallers and ale-house keepers, in particular, were closely watched for infractions of the regulations as to selling liquor during service-time under which they were bound; on this point more will be said presently.

A Datchworth man was indicted in 1658 for travelling with his horse and cart "on the Sabbath-day" (I. 125). A butcher was detected in slaughtering bullocks at Buntingford, and was summoned for "breach of the Sabbath" (I. 143), and at the same sessions some butchers of Bishop's Stortford were indicted for selling "flesh-meate" in Lent (I. 145). In 1595 an Order of the Privy Council restrained the killing and eating of meat during Lent (I. 22). Although this regulation owed its origin to religious abstinence, a post-reformation statute declared that it was enforced to encourage the fishing trade of the British Isles. A Cheshunt labourer was summoned in 1592 for permitting in his house unlawful games, "pipinge and dawncinge," during the time of Divine Service on Sunday (I. 13). It was brought to the notice of the Court in 1603 that a fair called "St. Gyles fayre," in the parish of Cheshunt, was to be held in September on the Sabbath day, which "is against God, His Law and the Kynge's" (I. 34). A writ was issued against a Broxbourne miller, about 1640, for grinding at his mill on Sundays (I. 64), and some years later a miller, "late of "Sawbridgeworth," was accused of setting "his fulling mill to work "on the Sabboth day, in the manifest prophanation of the Lord's

"day" (I. 96). But the Puritan feeling in regard to the Sabbath is shown most strongly in 1652, when the committee for regulating markets issued an order making various alterations in the days on which such markets were to be held, especially in regard to those held on Mondays and Saturdays, "which in many places occasions "the prophanation of the Lord's day" by reason of travelling. It may be interesting to note that a similar measure was brought into the Parliament of Scotland in 1695.

It was unlawful to work on a fast day or "day of humiliation" (I. 37). So late as 1701 a native of Offley was prosecuted for working with his team "on the last fast day," and for not having attended church for a month (II. 30). Occasionally a fast was enjoined upon the country by royal mandate on one special day and for a special purpose. The minister of the Bengeo parish church was indicted for neglecting to read a proclamation, dated in the fourth year of William and Mary, concerning a fast and particular prayers to be observed in all the churches and chapels of England (I. 400, 401).

Some of the documents now calendared furnish interesting details of the repairs and restoration of certain of the Hertfordshire churches. That of Hatfield was undergoing repair in 1660, and funds were collected for such repair by means of a rate upon the parishioners, sanctioned by the Justices. Steven Ewer, of Ponsbourne, refused to pay the three assessments unless the parish consented to repair his chapel adjoining the church. This chapel was appropriate to him, and he received the benefits "of the seats "therein and its burying ground." The parish, on the other hand, appealed to the Court that Mr. Ewer should be obliged to repair the chapel as owner, and also to contribute his share towards the repair of the church (I. 134, 135). We find no record of the Court's decision in the matter; it will probably come to light when the Sessions Orders are dealt with.

In the year 1653 the parishioners of Welwyn presented a petition showing that their church and steeple, being "of most

"ancient building," as appeared by the fabric, were much cracked and shattered by the "late great tempests." Some time previously skilful artificers had been consulted, and since the parishioners had not the means to rebuild the church temporary supports had been provided, "at vast charge," by means of "long great iron "bars and keys."

The petition continues thus:—"On the 23rd April last, the "steeple standing (not on the west end but on the north side of "the church, and the first foundation and storey thereof being of "coarse materials, so rotten and infirm as the master-builders, by "reason of the danger, refused to work upon for the supportation) "with the bells, five in number, all fell to the ground, whereby one "side of the church and vestry lie open to the weather, and the "rest is in danger to fall." The charge of rebuilding was estimated at about £2,000, but as the parishioners could not raise the sum among themselves, and as the town was "upon the road "to London," and "persons of great quality" frequently attended the church, the cause of the rebuilding was submitted to the consideration of the Justices (I. 158). Then follows a quaintly-spelt and quaintly-worded "servaye of ye church and steple of "Wellwyn, ye 26th of Aprill, 1663," signed by three masons and a carpenter, which is really an estimate of the cost of all the repairs needed (I. 159-161). The yearly value of Welwyn vicarage in 1665, with the glebe-land, tithe hay and tithe wood is recorded (I. 165, 166), with this note appended:—"Wee desire our parson's "residence with us, and in all fair ways to invite him to peace, "and, as far as we may, by kindness to oblige it. Wee therefore "now have forborne also to value the profits of marriages, burials, "offerings, etc."

On the 31st July, 1762, a violent storm passed over the town of Hertford, greatly damaging the church of All Saints, then described as "a very ancient structure," so that the inhabitants feared to assemble there for public worship. They were unable to raise the £3,500 needed, for they were chiefly "tenants of small

"farms at rack-rents"; they therefore applied on the 15th October to the Lord Chancellor for a grant of letters-patent, empowering them to collect alms "in England, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the counties "of Flint, Denbigh and Radnor, for rebuilding the said church" (II. 99, 100).

In 1772 the Justices of the Peace applied to the Lord Chancellor for a brief to collect alms for rebuilding the Church of Ayot St. Lawrence, "a very ancient structure, a great part of it having "no other foundation than the bare surface of the earth, and is, "by length of time, so much decayed, the walls cracked and bulged, "part of the tower blown down, and in so ruinous a condition "that it must in great measure be taken down and rebuilt." The cost was estimated at £1,253 8s. 10d., and, as in the case of Hertford, it was urged that the inhabitants were chiefly tenants at at rack-rents and cottagers (II. 123, 124). Estimates follow for "taking down and rebuilding" the sacred edifice (II. 125).

The references to almshouses and parochial charities are few in number. A "Spittlehouse or Allmonsehouse" existed near Waltham in 1599 (I. 29). In 1646 the parishioners of Hertford requested leave to pull down an almshouse standing "incon-"veniently" in the churchyard, and to build another elsewhere (I. 80). The petition of the almspeople of Cheshunt in 1674 mentions the bequest of "the pious and charitable dame, Ladie "Jane Mycoe, of London" (I. 246).

Though the calendar is silent as to the trial of Jane Wenham, the famous Hertfordshire witch, in the early years of the eighteenth century, yet it throws an interesting light on the belief in magic and witchcraft which prevailed in the county down to, comparatively speaking, recent times. Thus, in 1598, we have the case of an Ickleford man, Thomas Hardinge by name, of whom it was "noysed in the country that he is a wyse man and can skyll of "many thinges." His failing to cure, however, led to his arrest, and the charges brought against him by the credulous villagers are exceedingly curious. A woman brought to him her child of

four years old, "which could neither goe nor speke." He told her "her child was a changelinge, but would in tyme helpe her." The next time she came to him "he bade her to take a nutt and "to pick out the curnell and fiyll yt with quicksilver, and to stoppe "the hole with waxe and to bynd a thred a crosse over the nutte "and to lay yt under a pyllow wher the chylde should lye, and "that shoulde helpe yt." Her childe "having thereby noe helpe," she repaired to him again, and then "he bad her to sett the childe "in a chare uppon her dungell by the space of an houer uppon a "sonny day, which she did"; still the childe "had no helpe." The "wise man" was also consulted by people who had been robbed, that he might "discover to them" the thief, and by a man who was desirous to know who fired his mother's house at Weston (I. 3). Among the cures which Thomas Harding used to prescribe were "certain words in a scroll of parchment," to be hung round the patient's neck (I. 4).

It would be most interesting to learn what view the Hertfordshire jurors and justices took of these allegations, and if the orders for the date come to light we shall, no doubt, be gratified. From the documents here calendared we learn that a verdict of murder was, in 1590, returned in the case of Joan White, the wife of a Bushey labourer, who was summoned for being "a common witch "and enchantress," and for "devilishly bewitching Marion Man, "daughter of William Man, of Bushey, tailor, through which she "languished exceedingly from 20th December until 27th June "next following, when she died at Bushey" (I. 4).

In 1593 Mary Hamonde was sentenced to the pillory for witchcraft (I. 13).

More than half-a-century later the widow of a gardener at Little Hadham deposed that she had been with a woman named Frances Rustat, who had been "strangely handled with great "pain, wracking and torment . . . . the said Frances did "often say . . . . that if she died of that distemper that "was then upon her, Goody Free was the cause of her death,"

for she declared that she had never felt well since she had bought from Goody Free a pennyworth of eggs and had not given the penny when asked for it. After her death the husband of Frances Rustat said that he would take his oath that Alice Free had bewitched his wife (I. 126, 127). The so-called witch was then summoned to answer the charge of witchcraft (I. 129).

An old woman living at Broxbourne in 1661 was reputed as a witch and was supposed to have bewitched a child, whereupon the child's father and mother violently assaulted her, until assured by the bystanders that if the witch had done any such thing the law would see them righted (I. 137). A little later comes the indictment of an inhabitant of Standon, who had taken away the "good name and fame" of a certain woman, by saying that she was a witch and had bewitched his ale (I. 217).

Two men were arrested in 1676 for telling fortunes "by "naturall magicke and other artifices." They had also pretended to give physic and to cure almost all diseases by an elixir. They said they had gained very little money at Ware, but at Bishop's Stortford they had made £20. Among the records is the fragment of a "fortune," probably told by one of the quacks (I. 267-8 and 275).

In 1666 an oatmeal-man from Hemingford in Huntingdon, named Thomas Ibbott was examined by the Court. He affirmed that he had "bin att London with the King, to show him a "vission that he had seen an old man and a young man fight, "and the Lord gave him to know that the Duke of York should "beate all nations . . . . but the three nations." On being asked whether he knew anybody "that had any hand or know-"ledge of the burning of London, or were acting or acsilary to it, "he saith that he knows nobody that had any hand about it, but "thinks it to be from the hand of the Lord, and that he will give "the King an accompt of it when he comes to him" (I. 179). Ibbott was afterwards imprisoned, being "suspected to be privy "to the fyreing of London" (I. 188).

From the descriptions given by those who came before the Sessions of the occupations followed by them and from other sources may be gained some idea as to the trades and industries prevailing in Hertfordshire during the period covered by the calendar. In the sixteenth century we hear of a "yesemaker" (sayemaker), of glovers and arras-makers, and later on of cloth-workers. Early in the following century we have a reference to charcoal burning at Stanstead Abbots, which caused so great a "stink," that "not only the inhabitants but strangers are con-"strained to stope their nosses as they go bye" (I. 37). A reference occurs in 1655 to the two Hertford men following the "French "trade and mystery of dyers" (I. 110). Paper-making was an old industry in the county; Paper Mill Gate is mentioned in a survey of Hertford made in 1621.* There appear to have been paper mills, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, on the river at Sopwell, near St. Albans (II. 72). Paper-making was also carried on at Hatfield at the beginning of the nineteenth century, as we learn from the case of a paper-maker who had been robbed of "rags called knotty rags, Hamburgh rags and country colours" (II. 258). Mills in the immediate neighbourhood of the famous paper mills at Nash Mills are frequently mentioned, though the use of such mills is not mentioned. There is one reference to lace-making, in a case of ill-usage which came before the Court in 1801. A woman living at Piggott's End was harshly treated and half-starved by her mother-in-law, and complained that the task set her to perform in making lace in one day was more than it was in her power to do (II. 193).

Straw-plaiting has for many years been a Hertfordshire industry, and in 1813 we read of straw being sold at King's Walden for plaiting:—"The buyer usually draws the straw from "the sheaf and pays 5s. for a bundle which weighs about sixty "pounds" (II. 237). In 1842 a woman was charged with having

* *Vide* Turnor's History of Hertford.

made away with certain plait, "two score and a half, which was "worth at least 2s. 6d." (II. 410).

Early in the eighteenth century bricks were made on Harpenden Common. In 1724 and 1728 a brickmaker was indicted for encroaching upon the common and digging holes there. "He "hath several chalk and clay pits for making bricks, and has not "enclosed them, so that they are very dangerous, lying near the "great road between London and Bedford" (II. 58, 64).

Turning from the industries of the county to its vagrancy we find a quaintly-worded letter on the subject sent in 1622 by the Bishop of Lincoln to Lord Salisbury and other Justices of that portion of his diocese which lay in Hertfordshire.* "Reconsider-"inge," he wrote, "that Allmightie God, Who, when he had but two "in all the world to serve Him, planted a garden to keep them "[from ?] idlenes, and haveinge afterwards appropriated unto "Himself a whole common wealth did enact that law in ye 15th "of Dueteronomie, *mendicus non erit inter vos* agaynst begging and "lazines." He continued that the King was justly offended with the legal authorities who suffered the country to swarm with "beggars, rogues, vagabonds, Ægiptians and such lazie and unpro-"fitable members of the common-wealth . . . . . ." and he urged that the laws should be put in force for "ye punishing, "imploying, chasetising and rooting out of these idle people, sump-"tomes of Popery and blynde superstition" (I. 56-58). The Justices complied by appointing marshals with authority to "chase "away" all rogues and vagrants, by day and night, and to prosecute those who gave them shelter (II. 59).

Beggars and vagrants used to be whipped as "wandering "rogues" and passed on from place to place until they arrived at the parish to which they belonged, and upon which they were chargeable (I. 272).

* The county was anciently entirely in the diocese of Lincoln. In the middle of the sixteenth century a portion of it was transferred to the diocese of London. In 1845 the whole county was included in the diocese of Rochester. The bishopric of St. Albans was founded in 1875.

A certificate of this punishment having been duly inflicted would then be presented to the recipient of the chastisement, of which the following, dated in 1676, is an example :—

"To all constables, head-boroughs, tithing men and all other "officers whome theise presents may concerne. George Snodon, "a sturdy vagrant beggar, of a low personage, black-haired, goeth "stooping making use of a crutch, aged about 19 years, was this "28th day of August A.D. 1676 . . . . openly whipped at "Redbourne according to law for a wandering rogue, and is as- "signed to pass forthwith from parish to parish by the constables "thereof the next way to Stouesley [Stokesley ?] in Yorkshire, "where he confeseth he was borne or dwelt last by one whole year, "and he is limited to be at Stouesley aforesaid within fortie dayes "now next ensuing at his perill, and the constables of every town "where he shall come are required to allow him necessary relief "for his passage, and to help him with lodging, soe that he "travelleth the next way to Stously aforesaid, not doing any- "thing contrary to the lawes and statues of this realme" (I. 266).

The constables were allowed so much per head for "lodging "and passing" vagrants (I. 53). About 1719 an agreement was made with a contractor to carry on this work for £200 a year, by which the county was saved "several thousand (*sic*) pounds"! (II. 76, 77). The sum was raised to £220 in 1740.

Vagrants were also, under some circumstances, committed to the house of correction in the place where arrested. In 1656 the keeper of a house of correction informed the Court that his house was in bad repair, and also in great need of means for employing rogues, vagrants and other persons to work as the law enjoined. He asked for £10 for the repairs and £40 for the "employment "stock" (I. 117).

Coming to more recent times we find, in 1843, the chief constable suggesting a plan for the better suppression of mendicancy throughout the county, by a strict examination by the police of begging letters and petitions (II. 416).

Gipsies caused a good deal of trouble; in 1655 a man was summoned before the Justices to answer the charge of "entertaining and harbouring several Egyptians in his house, who go "robbing people of their goods" (I. 112). We hear of gipsies again in 1703 when the heads of a gang of about fifty, "travelling "about telling fortunes and calling themselves Egyptians," were committed to Hertford goal.

The subject of the relief of the poor finds many illustrations; indeed it is from the records of the proceedings of the justices of the different counties of England that the accurate history of the administration of the poor law in England must ultimately be written. The relief of the poor was in the hands of the churchwardens and overseers, and it is interesting to find that the rule, laid down in 1618-19 for those officers to assemble in their parish church once every month on Sunday after divine service, there to consider the best means for relieving the poor (I. 45), was followed nearly a hundred and eighty years later (II. 181). These officials were empowered to "remove" from a parish any new-comer who was likely to become chargeable to it (I. 149), unless he had means enough to take a cottage and land to the value of £10 per annum (I. 210). There are numerous indictments of persons who built cottages without first laying to them "fower acres of freehold "land" (I. 73, 233, 329, etc.). Cottagers were also forbidden to erect partitions in their dwellings and so make "one tenement "into two"; for the dangers of overcrowding and the fact that it engendered "disease and pestilence" were fully realised by the county justices (II. 57).

The inhabitants of Sawbridgeworth appealed in 1641 against the "divers grievances and vexations" that had arisen on the subject of the poor rate and other rates, and asked whether the parsonage ought not to be rated equally with the farms in that neighbourhood (I. 69).

In 1665 the churchwardens and overseers of Great Gaddesden complained that they were "very hard charged with a numerous

"poore" and "exceedingly straightened for the providing of "habitations for some of them at very deare rates as inmates with "other persons, whence they are frequently removed and the "petitioners much troubled to place them again." They then stated that the Earl of Bridgewater, lord of the manor, had given them permission to erect habitations "upon his wast," and prayed the Justices to confirm his permission (I. 174).

Cases of persons impoverished by fire were often brought before the Justices, and licence was generally given to the sufferers to solicit alms, a commendation of their hard cases to the charity of "well-disposed persons" being, as a rule, added by the Justices (I. 218). A great fire broke out at Northchurch in 1664 by which many houses were burnt. The rector accordingly applied to the Justices to send "letters testimoniall" to the King, to procure letters-patent for making a charitable collection in various counties (I. 231). Among many other petitions calendared in the present volumes is that of a clothworker of Little Hadham dated in 1672; he had suffered much by a fire and begged for a certificate by the county bench addressed to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, "the better to enable the petitioner to procure his "Majesty's letters-patent for a charitable collection to aid in "repairing his losses" (I. 231).

Those who were in receipt of parish relief and who were entitled to beg within a certain area were obliged to wear badges. There is a reference to this in 1732, when one of the "poor "pensioners" of East Barnet was committed to the house of correction for not wearing his badge in accordance with the Act of Parliament (II. 70).

Indications will be found throughout the calendar of periods of especial distress among the poor. During one such period, in 1795, we hear of a bread riot at Baldock. On this occasion the Justices assembled to consider what was best to be done to avert the threatened famine, and commended the exertions of the churchwardens of different parishes to supply the poor with bread.

The following year articles of agreement were drawn up by which the well-to-do pledged themselves to use wheat-flour most sparingly, that their poorer neighbours might not starve (II. 181, 183, 184).

Children chargeable on a parish were boarded out during their infancy (I. 75) and were then apprenticed to some trade or profession. An entry in 1773 records that at a vestry meeting—the name of the parish does not transpire—lots were drawn as to which masters the various "parish children" should be sent, "with £5 bounty money with each from the gift and with the "consent of the Earl of Salisbury." The masters, upon signing the indentures of apprenticeship, received £3 from the churchwardens to provide clothing for each child (II. 125, 126).

Breaches of the salutary law that forbad the carrying on of any "trade, craft, or mystery," by those who had not first served their full apprenticeship are not infrequent. To instance one:—George Heath, a yeoman of Hertford, was charged in 1668, with exercising the craft of "a common brewer" without having served a due apprenticeship; for this offence he forfeited £22 to the King, "namely for eleven months at 40s. per month" (I. 202).

Idle apprentices who ran away from their masters' service were, when captured, committed to the house of correction, there to receive "due correction" and to be forced to work (I. 131). An apprentice who had been guilty of theft, idleness, desertion, and other misdemeanours was handed over to the keeper of the house of correction in 1674, and the keeper was charged "to hold "him to such workes and to give him such punishment by putting "fetters or gyves uppon him and by moderate whipping him, as in "good discretion you shall find cause, yeelding him for his maintenance so much as he shall earne or deserve by his work and "labour" (I. 242).

Occasionally the fault was on the master's side, and we find some instances of indictments for ill-treating apprentices or neglecting to train them in their trades (II. 118). A servant who

had been hired for a year could not leave his or her master before that term had expired (I. 52, 112); neither could a master dismiss a hired servant within the time of the agreement without showing sufficient cause before a justice of the peace (I. 246).

Of the wages paid in the reign of Elizabeth, not only to servants but to artificers and workmen of all kinds, an interesting table is printed on pages 8-12 of the first volume of the calendar.

Military matters do not find much mention in the documents now calendared, though there are some not uninteresting entries regarding pressing and the methods of those who undertook it. The village inn was often a happy hunting ground for the press-gang, though the alehouse-keeper was, as a rule, in sympathy with the pressed and not the presser. The landlady of the "Leopard's "Head" at Ware, in 1626, frankly confessed that at a "press for "soldiers' she had sometimes hid five men, and that she could convey a man "from chamber to chamber unto the back side." Her inn was, however, singularly well adapted for such purposes, and the constables declared that there was not such a house for the purpose within a hundred miles (I. 60). An instance of the methods of the recruiting sergeant is recorded in 1691: a man was sitting by the fire at the George Inn at Hatfield, when the recruiting sergeant came in and said to him "Here is all the money I have left of the King's, here is a round O, look on it.' The man took the coin and would have returned it, but the sergeant refused to take it, saying "You are now a soldier" (I. 394). In Hertfordshire as elsewhere friction constantly occurred between the military and civilians on the subject of quartering and billeting.

Unauthorized pressing was duly punished. In 1666 we find that James Spencer was in Hertford Gaol "for taking upon him to "presse his Majestie's subjects in his Majestie's name, being not "commissioned thereunto" (I. 178 and 187).

As to the county militia we find a good deal in both volumes of the calendar. In 1644 the Grand Jury and inhabitants of the County complained of the burden of taxation for the "new"

militia (I. 178-9). The county trained bands are referred to in 1681 (I. 310). In 1700 the treasurer of "the trophy money or "militia tax" certified that nothing had been raised in the county for the militia for three years previously (II. 26). In 1766 the lieutenant certified that the militia had been "first raised" in 1758 (II. 104), and under the date 1767 we find a certificate by the lord lieutenant of the county that the regiment consisted of 625 officers and men, and that it had been trained and exercised for 28 days during the October of that year (II. 104). From this date to 1778 such returns occur almost yearly. A good deal of miscellaneous information regarding the militia will also be found A deserter from the "King's Volunteers" is mentioned in 1762 (II. 98).

There was a fund in Hertfordshire, as in other counties, which was administered by the justices and provided pensions for maimed soldiers and sailors. The petitions for grants of these pensions are often of considerable interest, as the careers of the applicants are generally given in some detail. We have in the documents now calendared applications from soldiers who had fought under Leicester in the Low Countries, in Spain under Sir Francis Drake, in Charles II.'s wars against the Dutch, and under William III. in Flanders, and in "the reducing of Ireland." After the Restoration a number of applications from those who had suffered in the royal cause naturally occur. One applicant states that he had been a trooper in Colonel Richard Grace's troop, in Prince Rupert's regiment of horse, and had "desported himself very constant, "loyal and faithful" from the beginning of the Civil War "till the "royal party were quite extinct" (I. 153). The constables used from time to time to bring to the justices their account concerning "the treasure of this county for hospitals and maimed soldiers" (I. 85).

Though, as we have already said, the documents now calendered do not, as a rule, record the judgments passed upon offenders that came before the justices, yet we obtain a good deal of infor-

mation as to the sentences passed, and such information certainly brings before us very vividly the severity of our legal system till within the last half-century. We have already seen how the lash was regarded as a cure for vagrancy. It was also applied till the close of the eighteenth century to the bare backs of men and women who had committed minor offences. Entries such as this occur frequently: "Paid for whipping Rebecca Freshwater, 5s.; ditto, "Sarah Smith, 5s.; for conveying Thomas Hawkins to Hitchen "with a man to whip him, £1 5s." (II. 142). "Moderate whip-"ping" to be administered at the "good discretion" of the governor of the House of Correction at Hertford, was enjoined in 1675 as a suitable chastisement for Mary Armstrong, "an idle, lewde, "vagrant beggar" (I. 251). The whipping-post, stocks, cage and ducking or cucking stool, for scolds, were regarded as part of the necessary legal equipment of every town and village in the county. In 1619 the inhabitants of Thundridge and Wade's Mill were presented for not having a cucking-stool "according to the statute" (I. 48). "Ducking Stool Bridge" is mentioned in 1798 at Bishop's Stortford (II. 188).

In 1600 it was found that the pound and stocks of Weston were "not sufficient" and ought to be "done" by the Lady Pickeringe, lady of the same manor (I. 32). Hoddesdon, in 1656, was "destitute of a pair of stocks," and the parishioners of Broxbourne were ordered to supply them (I. 115).

The Hunsdon stocks were maliciously destroyed in 1817.

The pillory is occasionally referred to, once, as we have seen, as a punishment for witchcraft. Pillories at Hertford and Royston are mentioned in 1709 (II. 40). The goalor's fee for setting a prisoner therein was 5s. (II. 130).

In 1590 a yeoman of Aston was indicted under the statute which provided that any person convicted of striking another with a weapon in any church or churchyard should have one of his ears cut off, or should be branded in the cheek (I. 4). Branding and burning in the hand were not uncommon punishments. Two

labourers accused of theft in 1772 were ordered to be burnt in the hand and imprisoned for one month (II. 123), and items such as the following are of frequent occurrence in the goalers' accounts: "Paid for burning William Cook in the hand, 5s.; ditto, Catherine "Harding, 5s." (II. 142). So late as 1794 a woman who had stolen a "silver spoon, value 10d." was condemned to be imprisoned in a solitary cell for twelve months (II. 178); and in 1830 the sentence of death was passed upon a man for stealing a sheep, but was commuted to one of imprisonment and hard labour for one year (II. 330).

Occasionally, for the sake of recruiting for the army or navy, prisoners were allowed to exchange their captivity and hard labour for service (II. 141). A prisoner in the Hertford gaol petitioned the Justices in 1692, stating that at the last assizes he might have been cleared, on condition that he would "go for a "soldier." He had refused at the time, but ten months' imprisonment had somewhat altered his opinion, and he begged to be released in order to join "the Earle of Denby's regement of dragoons" (I. 403).

In the earlier proceedings at Sessions we find numerous instances of prisoners pleading "benefit of clergy." In 1589 three men arrested on the charge of stealing cattle claimed benefit of clergy and were released (I. 2). Four men were convicted of prison-breaking in 1593, but two of them, though pleading guilty, claimed benefit of clergy and obtained their discharge (I. 17). It is interesting to find benefit of clergy pleaded so late as 1673, when a Wheathampstead labourer, prosecuted for stealing a guinea, pleaded "his clergy." He did not altogether escape punishment, but his scholarly accomplishment gained for him a mitigation of the sentence which would otherwise have been passed upon him, and he was ordered back to the gaoler's house, "there to be "whipped privately and discharged" (II. 127).

There is a great deal in both volumes of the calendar relating to the condition of the prisons, bridewells and houses of correction

in the county. In 1701 the Justices were negociating for the purchase of various tenements in the High Street of Hertford, to build a prison, the cost of land and building not to exceed £1600. They then petitioned Parliament for authority to levy a rate: this was fixed at 3d. in the pound (II. 29, 31, 139). But nothing seems to have been then done as to providing a new gaol, and the lack of proper ventilation and sanitation in the old prison led to frequent outbreaks of disease, which endangered the lives not only of the prisoners but also of the warders and officials and even of the Justices in Court. In 1732 and 1758 the inhabitants of Hertford again petitioned that the state of the gaol might be improved (II. 69, 95).

Plans for working the prison ventilators by means of a windmill were proposed in 1759 (II. 96). In 1774, the Grand Jury, after having examined the gaoler and apothecary concerning the recent distemper in the gaol, decided that the prison should be enlarged (II. 129). The Act of Parliament under which the gaol in Fore Street was erected was passed in 1775. We hear of the "new County Bridewell" being built in 1790 (II. 168), and further improved in 1824 (II. 291). The prison chapel was altered about 1828, and various improvements were, from time to time, effected in it, including additions to the building about 1848 (II. 317).

A list of the fees usually demanded by the gaol-keeper occurs among the papers for the year 1729. At the coming of any prisoner into the gaol it was the custom for the old prisoners to demand of him "garnish money," which amounted to 4s. 6d., and was spent in drink. For every prisoner the keeper provided bed and bedding, etc., for which he expected 4d. a night, though he seldom received it. At the discharge of every prisoner he demanded 13s. 4d. (II. 65, 66).

The report of the gaol-keeper in 1789 shows that the state of the prison was improving; he refers with pride to the fact that felons and debtors were kept apart, that the sale or use of

spirituous liquors was not permitted in the prison, and that the inmates acquitted or discharged for want of prosecution were liberated "as soon as their irons can be got off, without fees," that the cells were whitewashed yearly and kept clean and ventilated; baths or bathing tubs were not, however, provided (II. 166). The prisoners for debt petitioned the Court in 1812 that their scanty allowance of 2s. 6d. a week might be increased, because it would scarcely keep them alive. Bread was 1s. 6½d. a loaf and they had also to provide firing and soap (II. 234, 235). In reply the Justices directed the gaolers to make the same allowance of bread to the debtors in their custody who could not support themselves as was made to the felons (II. 242).

A committee of Justices meeting in 1820 to consider the matter of employment for the prisoners, suggested that "a mill "for grinding and dressing corn is likely to be the most effectual "mode of employing persons who are unwilling to work, and by the "irksome fatigue of it calculated to operate as punishment for "their offences, and that it is less likely than any other species of "manufacture to interfere with the trades of the honest inhabitants "of the neighbourhood" (II. 275). Five years later the magistrates reported that "no instance has occurred of bodily "inconvenience or illness in any of the prisoners from the "use of the treadmill" (II. 304). For the punishment of the convicts silence was enjoined during work. Later on the treadmill was condemned, and disposed of about 1840, not without some dissatisfaction being shown on the part of these who had borne the expense of its erection.

Picking oakum was introduced in 1838 for those who were incapable of working on the wheel (II. 392). Various industries were then pursued in prison, such as mat-making, the picking, carding and spinning of wool, and knitting (II. 414, 424), and the goods produced were sold at cost price to any applicant (II. 434). Flax and hemp dressing were among the employments carried on in the houses of correction.

The reports of the prison chaplain are often interesting. In 1842 he strongly urged that some instruction should be given to the prisoners, most of whom were deplorably ignorant, yet showed an eager desire for books (II. 413). A site for the chaplain's house was purchased from the Governors of Christ's Hospital in 1843 (II. 415). Meat and clothing were first supplied to the county prison by contract in 1834. The building was insured against fire for the sum of £10,000 in the Sun Fire Office, June the 28th, 1842 (II. 412).

In 1838 the Justices reported that the continued increase of crime (though the offences were not generally of a heinous nature) necessitated the holding of adjourned Sessions, without which they would have been "overwhelmed with work."

There were houses of correction and bridewells in various parts of the county. The Buntingford bridewell was sold about 1843, and the Hitchin and Berkhampstead bridewells were, in the same year, converted, with some alterations, into police stations (II. 418).

Among other duties of their office, the Justices used to depute three of their number, accompanied by a physician, to pay a visit of inspection to the private lunatic asylums of the county, and present to the court a certificate that the house was in good order and the inmates well cared for. A peculiar interest is attached to one of these certificates, dated 1775, which records that they had inspected the house kept by Dr. Cotton, at St. Albans, for the reception of lunatics, and had found the house and lunatics under proper regulation, for this was the place in which the poet Cowper was confined for eighteen months during his first serious attack of insanity, 1763 to June, 1765. The old "Collegium Insanoram"*

* "It has been suggested that the building is of ecclesiastical origin, and as such may possibly be the All Souls' Chapel of the monastic records; the plastering upon a portion of the southern wall has been recently removed and reveals stone-work beneath which appears to bear out the supposition. . . . The room which the poet occupied is on the ground floor, facing the street."—"St. Albans, Historical and Picturesque," p. 261.

is still standing in College Street, St. Albans (to which it gave the name) not far from the Abbey.

Lunatics from Hertfordshire were occasionally sent to "The "Hospital of Bethlehem" or Bedlam (I. 130). The parish, when needful, supported lunatics and "dangerous idiots" (II. 239). The justices decided in 1811 that a lunatic asylum for the county must be provided (II. 228). For some time the Hertfordshire lunatics were sent to the asylum at Bedford (II. 363) by special arrangement, out of which the plan of the Three Counties Asylum for Bedford, Huntingdon and Herts originated.

The licensing question was one which caused the Hertfordshire Justices a good deal of trouble, and must have occupied a considerable amount of their time. Every few pages we find some allusion to charges (some, be it said, proved to be unfounded) against alehouse keepers for conducting their business in a manner contrary to law. Quite early in the calendar (*i.e.*, in 1596-7) are certain articles which alehouse-keepers and victuallers were bound to observe. They were to have ready at all times "convenyent "lodgings" and "holsome vitualls" for any who should "uppon "honest occasions," repair to them. They might lodge none for whose respectability they could not answer. On the news of a robbery having been committed in any particular locality they were quickly to furnish the constables with the names, apparel, and if they could, the dwelling-place, "of all such persons as dydd "lodge" in their houses "two dais before or two dais after such "robbery committed." Travelling was a slow matter then, and getting away unnoticed a harder task than now! No unlawful game might be played on any part of licensed premises, no eating or drinking during service time was suffered, none might cook or allow to be cooked any meat during the season of Lent or on days when meat was by law prohibited, and under no circumstances might an innkeeper allow a "household servant" to "tarry within "his house to th' entente to typple and drinke."

Closing time was nine o'clock from Easter to Michaelmas and

eight o'clock during other periods of the year. The price to be charged for beer was not to be above fourpence a gallon, and every innkeeper was bound to provide "a second sorte" at half that price, which they were to sell "out of their houses to their "poor neighbours." Finally, no innkeeper might buy from a traveller "any goodes" till he had acquainted "the constable or "some other officer" with his intended purchase, "whereby if any "suspition maye be conceaved that the same goods were stolne, the "partie offering them and the said goods may be staid" (I. 24, 25).

Probably some years later—but the exact date cannot be ascertained—a fresh set of orders (this time emanating from the Privy Council) was issued by the Hertfordshire Justices for the regulation of alehouses. The keepers of such were to suffer no children or servants to tipple in their houses, nor to allow any individual to tipple "in any one day above an hour." No "cardinge, dicing or other plaie" was permitted; cases of "drunkenness or dissolute disorder" were to be at once reported to the constable. Alehouse-keepers were not themselves to brew, but were to "take their drink" from brewers, where it might be had, the "best" at six shillings the barrel, and the "small" at four shillings the barrel; the orders, however, go on to state that such alehouse-keepers "as must need brews themselves" (presumably those dwelling at a distance from a brewer) might "make" their own beer, so as they could sell it "best" at three pence a gallon, or a penny a gallon less than the price previously fixed, and the "worst" at two pence, the same price as that before fixed. They were to "draw out their drink" by "the ale quart "or pint and not by jugs or cups" (I. 47-48).

The inhabitants of a town and village sometimes appealed to the justices to "put down" an alehouse on the charge that it was ill-governed (I. 18), or that the number of inns was more than sufficient for the place; for, it was urged, "the poor labouring "people" spent their livelihood in such houses "and left their "charge to penury" or to be relieved by the parish (I. 163). In

1603-4 the inhabitants of Tunford, an "endship" of Cheshunt, alleged that Robert Trimmer was "in no way fit" to keep a victualling house, as he was suspected to be "infested with an "unwholesome disease as might be discovered by his speech, his "hands and other parts of his body." His wife, too, was a "noto-"rious slut" and her daughter "a common naughtie pack." He was a lodger "of all baggage people, as rogues, tinkers, peddlars, "and such like," and cared not whom he received so that he could make gain of them (I. 35).

The repair of the roads, footpaths, and bridges, and their deviation or closing up, also formed an important part of the business transacted by the justices, and the documents here calendared relating to these matters (accompanied as they often are by plans) will probably be of considerable value to the County Council in disputes as to liability to repair existing roads and as to rights-of-way.

Every now and then an entry in the calendar brings before us the perils to which travellers along the country roads were, in former days, exposed, infested as those roads were by highwaymen. A few of these entries may be instanced:—

In 1665 a traveller was attacked and robbed by nine horsemen on the road between Watford and "Edgeworth," that is, of course, Edgware (I. 171). In 1697 the chief constable of the hundred of Hertford directed the constables of St. Andrew's parish to provide five or six armed men, without horses, to be ready at 6.30 in the morning of a certain day, in the market place at Hertford, to perform such service as might be needful for the security of the hundred; the reason for this muster being that the roads "were so infected with robbers that it is highly dangerous for "persons to travel with any quantity or sum of money" (I. 426). It will be remembered that a hundred was financially liable for robberies committed within its limits.

One afternoon in the August of 1733 a sugar refiner of Lime Street who was returning to London by the Lincoln coach was

robbed by a single highwayman "in a dark-coloured coat, upon a "brown bay horse," between Welwyn and Hatfield; the highwayman secured "eight guineas, two moidores and 5s. in silver" (II. 70).

Another robbery from a coach is referred to in 1779, when we hear of the trial of some men who had stolen a portmanteau from the back of "the St. Albans diligence" (II. 144).

Something, but not much, as to the amusements of the people of Hertfordshire is to be gleaned from the records now calendared. In 1602 a Buntingford weaver and others with him were indicted for riotously assembling and cutting down a may-pole at Yardley (I. 34)—possibly as a puritanical protest against the frivolity incited by the presence of a may-pole! Wrestling and football were indulged in upon a certain Sunday at Cheshunt in 1698 (I. 434), and attention has been already called to a reference to the latter amusement in 1685 at Berkhampstead.

The game of "slid-groat" is mentioned in the early part of the seventeenth century, and we get numerous references to carding, dicing and the like, which, as we have seen, were forbidden on licenced premises. Tennis, bowls, quoits, and even the sombre chess are enumerated amongst the games which an innkeeper in 1663 is warned not to permit on his premises (I. 154). "A "common instrument of gaming called a lottery" is mentioned at Standon under the date 1678 (I. 288).

Cock-fighting was a popular pastime with rich and poor alike, and we find that Lord Grandison, in 1666, kept a stock of fighting birds. Two cock-stealers who did regularly "haunt" his lordship's "cock-walks" had been arrested and we learn some curious particulars of them and of their methods in a letter from a certain Richard Browne: he names the various miscreants and goes on to say "they confess that the one-eyed knave Garret, wanting cockes "to fight his match at Thame, in Oxfordshire, put them upon "going to your lordship's walks in your name, for cockes, and "told them that if they would bring them to him he would send

"them to Thame, where they should not be knowne. Garret hath "some of my Lord Coleraine's cockes thither for his match, and "I doubt not but some of your lordship's are there too." The writer trusts that they will be treated with severity, especially the "one-eyed knave," who was "the incourager and receiver," and he hopes by this means to "breake the knot of cockstealers," which he perceives "thereabouts . . . . are numerous." (I. 186, 187).

There is one reference to a case of bull-baiting, or rather of intended bull-baiting which had been "publicly cried" to take place on Boxing-Day, 1776, at a public house in Hertingfordbury (II. 136).

Only one reference occurs throughout the calender to theatrical matters, and that is in "the humble prayer" of Henry Thorn, of Hertford, who, in 1829, begs the Justices to grant him licence to represent at Hitchin "such tragedies, comedies, interludes, plays "or farces" as shall have been duly licenced for performance in the city of Westminster, or duly submitted for the inspection of "his Majesty's Household" (II. 323).

Horse-racing, too, is illustrated by a solitary entry: a reference to a robbery committed in 1775 in a booth at Tilley Hoo, erected during the races (II. 132).

There is not much in the calendar which throws light on the state of education in the county. Those who kept schools were required to do so under licence of the Bishop, and in 1661 a gentleman of Ware was indicted for keeping a school in that town without such licence (I. 140). A reference to a dispossessed minister who, during the Commonwealth, had endeavoured to eke out an existence by keeping a school has been already mentioned (*ante p. xi.*).

Hertfordshire could boast of at least three royal residences, Hatfield, Theobalds and Royston, and as to all these something will be found in the calendar, as will a good deal of curious information as to the provisions which the county was bound to

provide for the royal household when the sovereign came into the county or was in residence in London or places round about. During a royal progress through the county the inhabitants had to assist in the transport of the sovereign's baggage, and we find, in 1673, that a yeoman of Sawbridgeworth charged the constable of that place with having unjustly called upon "him out of his order "and place" to serve with his cart and team "in the carriage of his "Majesty's goods in his late royal progress from London to New-"market" (I. 235).

Space forbids us from dwelling at any length on a variety of other interesting matters which the calendar illustrates; but a few miscellaneous items seem to deserve a passing reference. There is an instance of duelling under the date 1658, when a Hunsdon man was called upon to answer for disregarding the "ordinance of "his late highness the Lord Protector and his Counsell" entitled "An ordinance against challenges, duells, and all provakations "thereto" (I. 124).

Under date 1589 is an interesting reference to a bridge chapel at Standon. "We fynd," say the jury "that ther is a brydge "decayed in the parishe of Standon called Our Lady Bridge, "which is in the higheway to Starteford, and is in great ruene "and deceye, which had some time a Chapple upon yt, and "therein a Lady and certain service thereunto dyd belong with "dyvers offeringes made unto her, which is now deceyed and taken "awaye, which sayd offeringes the lord of St. John did receyve, "and he made the sayd bridge" (I. 2). There is, too, a reference in 1670 to a bridge in Layston called "the Chappell Bridge" (I. 221).

About the beacon which once stood on Hertford Heath a good deal of curious information will be found. It had fallen down in 1662, and a man was then indicted for attempting to steal the wood and iron work of which it was composed (I. 46). In 1693 it was set up again at a cost to the county of £35 4s. 7d. (I. 411).

As to the various markets and fairs held within the county

the calendar contains a good deal. In 1663 some of the inhabitants of Hitchin petitioned the justices to prevent the tradesmen of larger shops in other towns driving "very great trades" at the Hitchin market, to the hindrance and disadvantage of the local stall-holders. The petitioners stated that they had taxed these "forreners," but they had refused to pay the tax, and the Court was requested to enforce the payment (I. 157).

In 1592 a protest was made against the "fayer of Staforde" [Bishop's Stortford] being held partly "within the compase of the "churchyarde" (I. 13).

There are several references to the building of the present Shire Hall at Hertford. At a meeting of the magistrates at the Bell Inn, 1767, it was decided that the new building could not be erected on the site of the old Shire Hall (II. 106). The architects of the new building were Messrs. Robert and James Adam (II. 109). Various estimates and agreements in regard to the building have been preserved (II. 109-120).

With reference to a quaintly worded letter from Sir Francis Bacon to the county justices, we must bring this preface to a close: coming as it does from a Hertfordshire man this communication has a peculiar interest. It was written from York House on the 2nd November 1620, less than a year before the Chancellor's fall from his high estate, and it commends to the justices a work from the pen of James I. "Whereas," writes Bacon, "there is "an excellent worke of his Majesty's intituled 'The Peacemaker, "'or Great Bryttayne's Blessinge' lately come forth. I have "thought good by theis my letters to pray you to give speciall "charge within your severall divisions for takinge upp and buying "of the same booke, being so very necessary and useful for "persons of all condicions. Wherein, not doubtinge of your best "care and furtherance, I bidd you heartily farewell." (I. 53).

The character of the author of the work commended and the literary ability of his chancellor leave us in no doubt that this unusual commendation cannot have been due to a sincere

belief in the merits of the book, but to direct instructions from the author himself, and the action is amusingly typical of the "wisest "fool in Christendom."

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NOTES AND EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

VOLUME I.

SESSIONS ROLLS, 1581 TO 1698.

N.B.—The rolls marked * are in the custody of the MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, at Hatfield House.

SESSIONS FOR 1581-2.*

Presentment that whereas the inhabitants of the parish of Rushden from time immemorial have had common of pasture for all their cattle in a piece of land, being the freehold of John Fillwood, otherwise Elmer, of Rushden, yeoman, called Orgacie, containing about twelve acres, lying in the fields of Rushden, and in another piece of land there, containing about two acres, in the same tenure, and had the right of ingress, egress, and regress whenever the said pieces of land were lying uncultivated and unsown; yet nevertheless the said John Fillwood had enclosed the said two pieces of land with a ditch and a hedge so that the inhabitants of the town of Rushden were not able to have common of pasture and passage there as formerly. [*Deeds* 260.]

SESSIONS FOR 1589-90.*

Request, signed by Arthur Capell and Thomas Leventhorp, and others, to the justices that licence may be granted to Thomas Kinge, of Aldeburie, to erect a cottage for the miller, near to a windmill which he had lately erected upon his own free land at Aldeburie, for the necessary use of the inhabitants; the setting up of the said cottage would be no annoyance or prejudice to the said inhabitants, the said miller being a very honest and "painfull" man in his calling. [*Ibid.*]

Gaol Delivery Roll.—St Albans.—Names of prisoners:—James Bucston, sentenced to be drawn to the gallows and hanged for clipping money; William Longe, to be hanged for burglary;

Richard Bacchus, to be hanged as a cutpurse; Thomas Pasgrave, John Mychell, and Thomas Whaler, otherwise Whelers, confess themselves guilty of stealing cattle, they claim benefit of clergy and are released. John Gibsons and John Brokeson, for stealing bread, to be whipped. William Gray and Abery Gray, his wife, and Thomas Gill and Alice Gill, his wife, indicted as rogues "*et executi.*" [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that there was an ancient public highway in the parish of Sandon, in a field there called Sayfielde, leading from Buckland, Reede, Barkway, and other towns to the towns of Wallington, Baldocke, and to other towns, until such time as Robert Newport, late of Sandon, long before his death, unlawfully obstructed it with a great and very deep ditch across (*extransverso*) the said way, and that after the death of Robert Newport, Edward Newport, of Sandon, his son, continued the obstruction for two or three years. It is further presented that Thomas Gray, of Sandon, yeoman, has continued the obstruction so made from 1st March, 31 Eliz. [A.D. 1588-9] until the taking of this Inquisition. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Thomas Dyer, of Albury, yeoman, for obstructing a lane, called Hytche Lane in Albury, leading from Patmer Heath to the common field called Chizley Field, with a gate, which he locked. From time immemorial the inhabitants of Albury and Patmer hamlet have had a right of way through the said lane at all times of the year.

Schedule of wages for artificers, labourers, and servants of husbandry.†

[This schedule appears every year.]

"We fynd that ther is a brydge decayed in the parishe of Standon called Our Lady Bridge, which is in the highewaye to Starteford and is in great ruene and deceye, which had some time a Chapple upon yt, and therein a Lady and certain service thereunto dyd belong with dyvers offeringes made unto her, which is now deceyed and taken awaye, which sayd offeringes the lord of St. Johns dyd receyve, and he made the sayd bridge." [*Deeds* 268.]

23rd October. Examination of Thomas Arnolde, of Chesthunt,

† The schedule for the year 1591-2 is given in full, as it is in better condition than this schedule; *vide post* pp. 8-12.

physician and surgeon. "Firste he saithe he hathe traveled into Fraunce, Italie, and Germany, and was ther when the olde Earle of Arondell was at Padua; and ther he taught Mr. Walter Hastinges, Mr. John Sellenger, Mr. Robert Dormer, and Mr. George Shelley, which he taught by the space of fower monthes.

"Item, he saithe he dwelled eight yeares in Gotheridge, in the countie of Monmouthe, within six milles of Monmouthe, and his wife dyed fower yeares paste with two of her children of the plage. He saithe he came from thence about three quarters of a yeare past, whereof half a yeare he hath dwelled at Cheshunte.

"Item, he saithe that he went from Chesthunt to Ware, and ther altered his name because he wolde not have the woman which he got with child ther to follow him, and saith that his meaning was, after he gott some money in his purse, to have gone into the countrie where he was borne and to have returned back agayne unto her and to have marryed her." [*Ibid.*]

Matters preferred against Thomas Harding, of Ickelford:—

"Mary Pennyfather, of Hipollettes, hath a woman childe of the age of fower yeares which could nether goe nor speke, whome she caryed to Thomas Harden, because it is noysed in the country that he is a wyse man and can skyll of many thinges, who tolde her that her childe was a changelinge, but would in tyme helpe her. The next tyme that she came unto him he bade her to take a nutt and to pick out the curnell and fiyll yt with quicksilver, and to stoppe the hole with waxe and to bynd a thred a crosse over the nutte and to lay yt under a pyllow wher the chylde shoulde lye, and that shoulde helpe yt. Her chylde having therby noe helpe, she repared to him againe and then he bad her to sett the childe in a chare uppon her dungell by the space of an houer uppon a sonny day, which she did and the childe had no helpe." The woman gave him six pence for his reward "and promysed him more."

John Bigge, of Hipollettes, "being very sycke of a fever"; Robert Dickinson, of Puddicott, "having a wastcote purloyned from him"; Goodwyfe Strat, of Kings Walden, "having a good parcel of newe cloth stollen away"; William Kinge, of Gamlingay, "having lost two horses which were stollen from him"; and Mr. Olyver "being desirous to know who fired his mother's house at Weston," also consulted him.

Amongst the cures prescribed were "certain words in a scroll of parchment" to be hung round the patient's neck. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1590—91.*

Presentment that a bridge in Coney, in the parish of Shenley, is in great decay, and that Mr. Pountney, "lord of the town," ought to make that part of the bridge lying next to Ridge Hill. [*Deeds* 261.]

Presentment of Robarte Stapleton, of Wormele, "yese maker, fore haninge of himeselfe"; and of William Clarke, of "Cheshonte Mylle," for the way in Wormele Mead, called the New Sonte (?), the same not being a sufficient bridge. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Thomas Wrattinge, late of Great Monden, husbandman, withdrew from the service of Henry Bond, without any certificate or testimonial, against the will of the said Henry Bond; and that John Nodes, of Little Monden, hired the said Wrattinge without the production of such certificate. [*Deeds* 268.]

Indictment of Joan White, wife of Thomas White, of Bushey, laborer, "a common witch and enchantress," for "devilishly bewitching Marion Man, daughter of William Man, of Bushey, tailor, through which she languished exceedingly from 20th December until 27th June next following when she died at Bushey." The jurors say that the said Joan feloniously killed her. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Thomas Kent, of Aston, yeoman, under a statute which provides that any person convicted of striking another with a weapon in any church or cemetery should have one of his ears cut off, or in default of losing his ears should be branded in the cheek. The said Kent, on the above date, with a staff, maliciously struck Thomas Bettes, of Aston, yeoman, in the chancel of Hitchin church, drawing blood. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Thomas Mathwe, otherwise Stanton, of Bushoppes Stortford, yeoman, had his ditch there next to the highway leading between Bushoppes Stortford and the farm, neither scoured nor cleansed, and by reason of this the highway there is in a very bad condition and, in the winter, is so flooded with water and ice as to be impassable both for foot and horse

passengers. The said Thomas ought to clean and scour the said ditch in respect to his land there, but this he is unwilling to do. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Tymothye Phillippes gave information that he had been examined concerning his giving of evidence against the stealers of Northe's sheep by the constable and others above a dozen times before he was examined by Mr. Spencer, and said although he be bound to give evidence he would not appear because the constable and others make "soe much a dooe thereabout." [*Deeds* 268.]

Presentment of Roger Poynynges, of Furneaux Pelham, tailor, and Henry Carter, of Furneaux Pelham, carpenter, for entering the wood of Sir Philip Boteler, knight, called Perry Wood, at Watton, and taking therefrom five "Sparhawkes," value £20, without authority. [*Deeds* 261.]

Petition of Henry Shippham for licence to build a tenement on two acres of his own freehold in Dymmynges, in the parish of Bengeo. He has 10 acres of copyhold land in the same parish. [*Deeds* 268.]

Licence granted for 31 years to William Woodcocke, of Broxbourne, to set up a little cottage, which he "framed" more than a year ago, at Broxbourne, upon a piece of ground, containing one rood, in Finches' Lane, near to the lord's pound.

Licence granted to Peter Deacon to erect a small cottage or tenement in some part of the Queen's waste, in the manor of Hertfordbury, at a place called Lettye Greene. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Raphael Keene, vicar of Brent Pelham, "doth deny and keep in" a "park and prime way," in the parish of Brent Pelham, in grounds there called Flexlands, leading from Brent Pelham to Walden. [*Ibid.*]

Money laid forth by the inhabitants of the parish of Thundrich during the time of travail of Isabell Goodrich and for the keeping of the child, whereof Peter Coxe of the same parish, is reputed to be the father, from the time of her travail till 9th October, 1590. Item in all charges, 31s. 7d. Ordered at this Sessions that Peter Coxe shall remain in the goal until he find sureties to perform this order, and that done, upon St. Luke's day he and Izabell Gudryche be carted "barefaced" through the streets of Thundryge. [*Deeds* 268.]

Presentment of Thomas Smyth, of Cotered, laborer, and John Barfote, of the same, bachilor, for buying and engrossing a parcel of grain called "a pese ryke." [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Thomas Graye, of Sandon, yeoman, "keepeth in" two usual ways in the parish of Sandon in a certain field called Sayfield; the one leading from Buntingford to Aswell, and the other from Buntingford to Wallington. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Robert Bound, of Buntingford Westmyll, for absenting himself from the parish church for three months.

Presentment of William Hale and Phillypp Elyott, of Hunsden, for refusing to do their service in the Queen's highways, though they severally own a hundred acres of land and more. The said land lies in Stansted Abbott. [*Deeds* 260.]

The names of all the justices dwelling within the county of Hertford:—

John, Bishop of London.
Henry, Lord Hunsden.
Edward, Lord Morley.
Sir Edward Anderson, knt.
John Puckeringe, sergeant-at-law.
Sir George Carye, knt.
Robert Cecill, esq.
Sir John Cuttes, knt.
Sir Henry Cocke, knt.
Sir John Brockett, knt.
Sir Phillipp Boteler, knt.
Sir Charles Morrison, knt.
John Brograve, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster.
Edward Carye, esq.
Thomas Sadler, esq.
Arthur Capell, esq.
Ralph Coningsbye, esq.
Thomas Fanshawe, esq.
James Quarles, esq.
William Pureveye, esq.
Henry Boteler, esq.
Thomas Bowles, esq.

Andrew Graye, esq.
Roland Litton, esq.
John Gill, esq.
Thomas Docwra, esq.
John Leventhorp, esq.
Francis Heydon, esq.
Walter Mildemay, esq.
Thomas Smithe, esq.
William Whiskins, esq.
Edward Pulter, esq.
Thomas Hanchett, esq.
Thomas Shotbolt, esq.
Robert Spencer, esq. [*Deeds* 261.]

SESSIONS FOR 1591-2.*

Presentment of Henry Warde, of Barkway, glover, for allowing the water from his pits to flow into a spring called the Wante, which serves the most part of the said town. [*Deeds* 32.]

Presentment that whereas the inhabitants of Brawhinge had long used a certain way and common passage at Brawghinge in and through a field called Stonye Crofte, when the said field was not lying sown, yet John Gayler, of Brawghinge, yeoman, had of late enclosed about six acres with ditches and hedges, being parcel of the said field called Stonye Crofte, and so stopped up the said way. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment that whereas the inhabitants of Brawghinge had from time immemorial, used certain ways and common passages at Brawghinge, through certain fields called Quinborowe and Graye Fylde, when the same were not lying sown, yet nevertheless John Gayler, of Brawghinge, yeoman, had of late forcibly enclosed half-an-acre of the field called Quinborowe, and one rood of a field called Graye Fylde, with certain ditches and hedges, and in this way stopped up the said ways through those fields. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of the jury for the body of the shire of Hertford:

We present that Richard Emes, with one "Thomas Davies, the 20th Octobre last past demanding relief of one Robert Sib-

thorpe, who spekeing of their disorderly walkinge, Davies said that the said Sibthorpe and such as he was wolde deal with them as the Earle of Leicester wolde have done. Beinge demaunded howe the Earle wolde have delt with them he answered he wolde have hanged three hundred of us in one morninge for demaundinge of our pay. Sibthorpe saied he had some other cause so to doe. Then Davies answered that it was well known what he was, and that he was a traitor. Sibthorpe warned him to take heede what he said. Then Richard Emes said it was well knowne both to the Quene and her Councell for 'I cuminge over with the Earle of Darbie when he came out of Flanders he brought over a scroule in writinge of his treason to this length,' making a marke on his staffe to the length of halfe a yarde." [*Deeds* 32.]

TABLE OF RATES AND WAGES ASSESSED BY THE JUSTICES AND OTHERS PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF 5 ELIZABETH.

Mowers and rakers of corne and grasse.

The best sort of mowers shall not take more by the day than, with meate and drinke viij*d.*
And withowt meate and drinke xij*d.*
Mowinge of the greatest sorte of grasse by the acre not above xij*d.*
And of the other sorte x*d.*
Mowinge of barley by the acre with a follower not above xj*d.*
And without a follower vj*d.*
Mowinge of otes by the acre not above v*d.*
Makynge of haye by the acre not above xij*d.*
Rakynge and cockinge of barley by the acre not above v*d.*
Cockynge, heaping and gathering of barley by the acre not above iiij*d.*
Rakynge, byndinge and shockynge of otes by the acre not above iiij*d.*
Cocking, heaping and gathering of otes by the acre not above iiij*d.*

Reapers of corne and hookers of pease.

A man reapinge of corne not more by the daye then with meate and drinke vj*d.*
And withowt x*d.*

A woman reaping of corne not more by the daye then with meate and drinke v*d.*

And withowt viij*d.*

Reaping, bindinge and layinge of wheate or rye in shokes well grown and not lidged by the acre ij*d.*

Cockynge and workinge of pease by the acre ready to the carriage x*d.*

COMMON LABORERS WORKINGE BY THE DAYE AND BY GREATE.

Threshinge and makinge cleane of wheate or rie by the quarter not above xij*d.*

Threshinge and makinge cleane of barley by the quarter not above vj*d.*

Threshinge and makinge cleane of pease by the quarter not above viij*d.*

Threshinge and makinge cleane of otes by the quarter not above vj*d.*

Laborers from the Annunciacon of our Ladye untill Michellmas not to have more by the daye then with meate and drinke iiij*d.*

And withowt viij*d.*

And same from Michellmas untill the Annunciacon of our Ladye not to have more by the daye then with meate and drinke iij*d.*

And withowt vij*d.*

Makinge of a good deade hedge by the rode or pole conteyninge xviii. foot and a-half to the pole not above ij*d.*

Makinge of a pole of hedge and ditche owt of the grownd conteynning in lenghte xviii. foote and a-half, beinge three foote depe, fower foote wide at the brim and one foote wide at the bottome and settinge the same with a doble quickesett and gathering the same quickesett not above vj*d.*

Makinge of a pole of ditche conteynning in lenghte xviii. foote and a-half, in depthe tooe foote, three foote wide, not to have above iiij*d.*

ARTIFICERS WORKING BY THE DAYE FROM THE ANNUNCIACON OF OUR LADYE UNTILL MICHELLMAS.

Masons, carpenters, joyners, wheelwrights, plowewrights, brick-

layers, tilers, and plasterers, beinge masters of the sayd occupacons, or of the best sorte shall not have more by the daye then with meate and drinke viij*d.*

And withowte xij*d.*

The same of the second sorte shall not take more by the daye then with meate and drinke vj*d.*

And withowte x*d.*

The same of the worste sorte shall not take more by the daye then with meate and drinke iiij*d.*

And withowte viij*d.*

A thatcher or layer of reed shall not have more by the daye then with meate and drink vj*d.*

And withowte x*d.*

The server of a thatcher shall not take more by the day then with meate and drinke iiij*d.*

And withowte vij*d.*

ARTIFICERS WORKING BY THE DAYE FROM MICHELLMAS UNTILL THE ANNUNCIACON OF OUR LADYE.

Fremasons, carpenters, joyners, whelewrightes, plowewrights, brickelayers, tylers and plasterers, beinge masters of the sayd occupacons or of the best sorte shall not have more by the daye then with meate and drinke vj*d.*

And withowte xj*d.*

The same of the second sorte shall not take more by the day then with meate and drinke iiij*d.*

And withowte viij*d.*

The same of the worste sorte shall not take more by the daye then with meate and drinke iij*d.*

And withowte vij*d.*

A thatcher or layer of reede shall not have more by the daye then with meate and drinke iv*d.*

And withowte viij*d.*

The server of thacher shall not take more by the daye then with meate and drinke iij*d.*

And withowte vij*d.*

SAWYERS WORKING BY THE GREATE.

Sawynge of borde or slittinge working by the hundred not above for the hundred xxj*d.*

Millers, loders, and drivers of horses.

Millers and drivers of horses beinge batchelors shall not take more by the yeare then with meate and drinke and withowte a leverye xlvj*s.* viij*d.* and a payre of bootes.

Millers and drivers of horses beinge married men shall not take more by the daye then with meate and drinke iv*d.*

And withowte viij*d.*

Cleavers of lathe and pale, colwood hewers, baven makers and workers of talewood by greate.

Cleavinge of lathe by the hundred not above iij*d.*

Cleavinge of pale by the hundred not above vj*d.*

Fellinge and hewing of colewood by the dosin not above xij*d.*

Fellinge, makeinge and buynding of baven by the hundred accomptinge six score to the hundred, every baven beinge fower foote in lenghte not above xiiij*d.*

And for everye lode of talewood iiij*d.*

Makinge and buyndinge of brushe baven by the hundred after six score in the hundred made of ramell left of colewood not above viij*d.*

Men Servants of Husbandry.

A man servant of the best sorte shall not have more by the yeare then with a leverye xl*s.*

And withowte a leverye xlvj*s.* viij*d.*

The same of the second sorte shall not have more by the year then with a leverye xxxiij*s.* iiij*d.*

And withowte xl*s.*

The same of the thirde sorte shall not have more by the yeare then with a leverye xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

And withowte xxxiij*s.* iiij*d.*

A sheppard shall not take more by the yeare then with a leverye xxxiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Women Servants.

The best sorte of women servants shall not have more by the yeare then with a leverye xxj*s.*

And withowte xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

The same of the second sorte shall not have more by the year then with a leverye xviij*s*.
And withowte xxiiij*s*.

BUTCHERS' SERVANTS.

A servante to a butcher of the best sorte that taketh the charge of his master his ware, having a cloke and a payre of boots of his master shall not take more by the yeare than xlvij*s*.
The same of the second sorte that hatht not the charge of his master his ware shall not have more by the yeare then l*s*. and a payre of bootes.

TAYLORS' AND SHOOMAKERS' SERVANTS.

A taylor servant of the best sorte with meate and drinke and without a leverye shall not take more by the year then liij*s*.
A taylor of the seconde sorte as aforesaid not more by the yeare then xlj*s*.
A taylor of the worste sorte as aforesayd not more by the yeare then xxx*s*.
A shoomaker servant of the best sorte beinge married to have withowte meate and drinke for everye dosin of shooes xxij*d*.
A shomaker servant of the best sorte beinge unmarried to have by the yeare with meate and drinke and withowte a leverye liij*s*. iiij*d*.
A shomaker servant of the second sorte beinge unmarried to have by the yeare with meate and drinke and withowte a leverye xl*s*. viij*d*.
A shomaker servant of the third sorte beinge unmarried to have by the yeare with meate and drinke and withowte a leverye xli*s*.
The rates rated the last yeare to stande withowte alteration. [*Bundle* 261.]

1 July. Presentment that in the night of the above day that Henry Jurye, of Hertford, yeoman, at Little Barkampsted, fished on the river ("ripa") there with nets whose meshes were not above one inch. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that the minister of Bengoe (?) is not a sufficient man to minister the sacrament, "because his sight faileth him." [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that some part of the "fayer of Starforde has usually been kept within the compase of the churchyard" and is so continued. In the margin "vacat." [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1592-3.*

Presentment that whereas all the inhabitants of a hamlet called Aston Ende, in the parish of Aston, had time out of mind enjoyed a public footway through a field in the said parish called Broke Fielde, leading to the church of Aston, nevertheless Henry Robertes, William Kent, and Lewis Robertes, all of Aston, laborers, had lately dug and made a great ditch through and across the said way at a piece of land called "the Brade" in the said fielde, so that the public could not use the way, to their great inconvenience. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment that a certain highway in "Le Botome," of London Hill, within the parishes of Rede and Tharfilde, is very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Tharfield ought to repair the same. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that an ancient highway at Great Hadham through a field called Holberne, between the lands of James Quarles, esquire, and William Kense, of Hadham, leading from Ware, Thundrige, and Stondon to Stortford Market, and then to Walden Markett in the co. of Essex, for divers years, was wholly stopped up by Thomas Grimsdiche, late of Great Hadham, esq., then tenant, and in possession of the said field called Holberne, which fielde on the 25 March, 34 Eliz. [A.D. 1592], came into the possession of John Goodman, of Combertone Grene, who has continued the obstruction to the great injury of the public. [*Deeds* 32.]

Presentment of John Lowe, of Chesthunt, laborer, for permitting in his house at Cheshunt on the above date, being a Sunday, and on many Sundays afterwards, unlawful games, namely "pipinge and dawncinge" during the time of Divine service. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Gaol Delivery. Mary Hamonde for witchcraft, sentenced to the pillory. [*Deeds* 32.]

Presentment that John Locke, of Barkeway, baker, and Francis

Umwell, of the same, baker, on the above date, broke the assize of bread there; to wit, John Locke made his "twoe pennye lofes" sixteen ounces underweight, and his "penny lofes" four ounces underweight; and Francis Umwell made his twopenny loaves twenty ounces underweight, and his penny loaves six ounces underweight to the great loss of the public. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Articles of agreement and composition made between the Privy Council and Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Phillippe Boteler, knights, for the delivery of certain provisions towards the expenses of the Royal Household out of the county of Hertford :—

First that fifty fatt veales of the age of syxe weekes and upwards, and sufficient for her Majesty's service shall be delivered at the Courte gate the first of June at iij*s.* iiij*d.* [each.]

Item. That cxx fat lambes, and meete for her Majesty's service shall be delivered at the Courte gate the xxth of June at xii*d.* [each.]

Item. That thirty fatt and great porkes, and sufficient for her Majesty's service shall be delivered at the Courte gate the xxth day of November, at iiij*s.* [each.]

Item. That fortie flitches of bacon withoute gamondes, and sufficient for her Majesty's service shall be delivered at the Courte gate the first of February, at xij*d.* per flitche

Item. That these kindes of poultry shall be delivered at London as followethe, viz., five dozen geese at iiij*s.* a dozen, viiith October; ten dozen capons at iiij*s.* a dozen, the xvth of June; twenty dozen henns at ij*s.* a dozen the xvth of June; fifteen dozen pulletts at xviij*s.* a dozen, the first of July and fifteen dozen the xiith of July; sixty dozen chickens the fourthe of July, and fourty dozen the first of October, at xij*s.* a dozen.

Item. That cccc quarters of wheate at vj*s.* viij*d.* the quarter shall be continued accordinge to the old and ancyent composicon, and that it shall be lawfull for her Majesty's purveyors for the monthe to take yearelie within the said sheare by vertue of commission lxx quarters of the best wheate payinge reddy money for the same after the rate of the second price that wheate shall be sold for that June in the market or to abate iiij*d.* in a bushel of the best price of the said best wheate.

Item. That reddy money shall be paide for the said veales, porkes, lambes, bacon, and poultrie immediately uppon the receipt of the same.

Item. If it happen that the said poultrie appointed by this commission to be delivered as before, be not delivered or tendred fitt, and meete for her Majesty's service at the place and times before agreed upon. That then the said sheare of Hertford to forfeit the doble of everie pole of poultrie to be likewise supplied within xiiii. daies after.

Item. If it shall chance that the saide veales, porkes, lambes, bacon, and poultrie, appointed by this composicon to be delivered or any part thereof be not receaved to the Queen's Majesty's use of the bringers of the same to the places before appointed within one day next after the bringing of the same, and offers made thereof to her Majesty's officers to whom it shall appertaine. That then the Queenes Majesty is to beare the charges bothe of the keepinge of the said cattel, poultrye, and the bringers of the same, untyll such time as they shall be receaved.

Item. That soe long time as this composicon shall endure ther shall be noe manner of purveyance within the said sheare or comminge out of the said sheare, to any faire or markett by vertue of her Majesty's commission to the use of her Majesty of or for any oxen, muttons, veales, porkes, sturks, lambes and poultrie, or any other provision of victualls (all manner of wildfowle excepted) for the expenses of her Majesty's house. Nevertheless if it shall happen her Majesty to come in progresse, and to be in any parte of the said sheare, that then it shall be lawfull for her Majesty's officers to provide within the said sheare all manner of provisions and victualls for her said house, according to the usuall prices of the marketts at the taking thereof, makinge present and reddye paymente for the same.

Item. If any person or persons inhabitinge within the said sheare shall wilfully refuse to contribute and paie towards these provisions of composicons which shall be rated by the justices of peace of the said sheare or the more parte of them. That then uppon certifficate thereof from them to their honours a pursevaunt shall be sent down to apprehend, and bringe before their honours all suche persons for refusing to answere their contempte.

Item. It shall be lawfull at any time hereafter for the said sheare (having served the composicon aforesaid one whole yeare) to break the same at their pleasures uppon half a yeares warninge, gyven from any sixe justices of the peace of that countye with the compounders for the said sheare unto the officers of her Majesty's green cloth, and so likewise on the behalf of her Majesty.

Item. Whereas ther is xxxlb. of sweete butter nowe weekely served for her Majesty's privy dyett by agreement with Edwarde Briscoe, of the towne and parish of Alldenham in defaulte thereof made, then her Majesty's commission to be used for the same in the said places. And that the said butter be served winter and sommer, soe long as her Majesty shall lye either at Windsor, Ottelandes, Hampton Courte, Westminster, Richmond, Greenwich, Eltham, or any other place within tenne miles of any parte of the said sheare and payment to be made for the same within sixe daies after the end of euery month at IIIId. the pound.

Signed by, *inter alia*, Lord Burghley.

[*Deeds* 82.]

SESSIONS FOR 1593-4.*

Indictment of John Clarke, of Waltham Crosse, in the parish of Chesthunt, smith, for, on 19 October, 1593, at night, viz., between the hours of seven and eight after midday, burglariously entering the mansion house of Symon Crowche, at Waltham Crosse, and taking two cloaks, value twenty shillings, one capon, value sixpence, and one sack, value twelve pence, the goods of the said Crowche. Sentenced to be hanged. [*Ibid.*]

Indictment of William Longe, of Chipperfield, arras-maker, John Martyn, of the same, "showemaker," and John Clark, "weyver," for on 1 August, 35 Eliz. A.D. 1593, entering the house of John Pratt, at Chipperfield, and taking three linen sheets, value twenty six shillings; three napkins, value twelve pence; two pieces of linen cloth called "crossecloths" value four pence, and other goods. [*Ibid.*]

Indictment of William Temple and Richard Corbit, both of Sandon, laborers, for on 31 August, 35 Eliz. A.D. 1593, breaking into the house of Henry Addleson, at Sandon, and taking a "cloke," value eight shillings, two pillowbeeres, value two shillings, and other goods the property of the said Addleson. [*Ibid.*]

Recognizance of Henry Addleson, of Sondon, shepherd, to appear at the next Gaol Delivery and give evidence against William Temple and Richard Corbet. [*Ibid.*]

Special Verdict. "Wee fynd that there is fower doores belonging to the Gayle goyinge into the gayle as thorowe an entrye whereof the first doore nexte unto the mayne gayle was cleane broken down, and the second doore beinge distant from the inner doore aboute too foote and a halffe, beynge chayned to the inner doore, was broken, and the cheyne also as the mighte have gonn owte, but they went not beyond the said second doore of the other too dores, the inner was shutt still and the forth dore standeth all wayes open in the daye tyme; which brekynge of doores was by Hamond Boteman, Willyam Temple, John Martyne, and John Clarke, with an intent to escape, but whether the breakynge of the said gayle doores as aforesaid be fellonye or no we refer ourselves to the opynion of the Corte, and if it be fellonye we fynd them all gyltye, and that they had nether goods, chattells, lands, or tenentes [*sic*] at the tyme of the same fellonye or since to our knowleges. And yf it be no fellonye then we fynde 'not gyltye,' and that they dyd not flye for the same. We find that thay broke the first dore and cam into the second dore and brake that to, so whether it be fellony or not wee leave it to your Worships judgment." The parties are respited. [*Ibid.*]

Indictment reciting that whereas William Long, William Temple, John Martyn, John Clarke, and Richard Corbett, all of Hertford, laborers, on 15 December, 36 Eliz. [A.D. 1593] were committed to Hertford Gaol, under the custody of William Snow then keeper, for divers several felonies done by them, to be kept there until they should be delivered in due course of law, but nevertheless, William Temple, John Martyn, and John Clarke, on the following day, broke the said gaol for the purpose of liberating all the first named prisoners and themselves went out and escaped.

Separate indictment against Hamond Boteman for so escaping.

Gaol Delivery. Epiphany Sessions:—John Clarke, John Martin, William Temple and Hamond Boteman, indicted for prison breaking, plead not guilty and were remanded. William Long and Corbett confessed themselves guilty, but claimed benefit of clergy and were discharged. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Thomas Harmer, the younger, of Weston, yeoman, being taxed for the maintenance of the gaol and prisoners at the Castle in Hertford, on the above date, forcibly tore up "the bill of seasement," made by the justices of the peace in respect thereof, and furthermore erased his name out of the "bill" of the collection made in the same parish on behalf of the poor. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Schedule of wages for artificers, laborers, and servants of husbandry. [*Deeds* 47.]

Presentment that at an alehouse in Chipperfield, in the parish of King's Langley, kept by Ellis Coggdell, there was "daunsing" all the time of evening prayer, and that his house is otherwise disorderly. The inhabitants therefore desire to have it "put down."

Presentment that the highway between Stapleforde Bridge and "Doggesheade in the Pott," in the parish of Anstye, is decayed.

Presentment that Bryant's Lane in the parishes of Apesden and Bockinge is decayed through neglect of the ditches which ought to be scoured by Mr. Searle and Mr. Hyde.

Presentment of William Kent and Lewis Roberts, both of Aston, labourers, for obstructing an ancient footway at a place called "the Brade," in a field called Broke Field in Aston, by digging a ditch there across the same pathway. [*Deeds* 47.]

Presentment that whereas from time immemorial there has been a common highway across the lands of George Neel, in the parish of Harpenden, leading from another high way there, called Green Laue to the wood called Inges Wood, Redborne Mill, and St. Albans (*Divinum Albanum*) and other places in the county, a very essential road for the public and for horses, bulls [*bobus*] cows, sheep, carts, and carriages going to the market towns of the county, as well as to a close of land there called Cuttes Crofte, in the occupation of Thomas Buckmaster; nevertheless George Nele, of Haminges Ende, in the parish of Harpenden, yeoman, had of late, with great pits and hedges, obstructed and shut off the said highway, to the great detriment of the public.

Marginal notes—(1) "The place where the way is, is not certainly said, but [is said to be] where Nele's ground is, which is not sufficient.

(2) The Queen's highway must be from some generall place to an other general or common town or place, and not to these particular places, which are rather to be claimed by prescription than as a highway.

(3) It is not expressed where Inkes Wood, Redborne Mill do lie nor in what county therefore the indictment [is] insufficient." [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment that whereas the highway in the parish of Clothall, is every year in winter time very ruinous and flooded with water, on account of the ditch next the same not being sufficiently made and scoured, nevertheless, Henry Watson, of Clothall, husbandman, on 9 July, 35 Eliz. [A.D. 1593], did not make or scour his ditch towards Upwells in Clothall, adjoining next the highway aforesaid, as he should have done by reason of his land there, to the great hurt of the public travelling with their carriages from Baldocke to Hertford and other towns in the county. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment against the inhabitants of Clothall, for allowing the highway there to fall into decay. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that from time immemorial there has been a certain common way called "a common fylde gappe" in a field in the parish of Weston, called Hill Syde, "through which common gappe the inhabitants of Weston were accustomed, for all time, to pass with their carriages and droves"; nevertheless, Thomas Harmer, the younger, on 18 December, 35 Eliz. [A.D. 1592], by force and arms knowingly and designedly stopped up and debarred "le comen gappe" with a great and very deep ditch, and with a quick set hedge. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that at the above date the highway between Stapleford Bridge and Dogges Head in the Pott, in the parish of Anstey, in length forty perches, is very much worn and in great decay through the default of the inhabitants of Anstey. [*Ibid.*]

Certificate that Thomas Dockwra, esq., took the oath of supremacy as a justice of the peace before the Lord keeper of the Great Seale. [*Ibid*].

Presentment of Thomas Bronde, of Hare Street, in the parish of Hormeade, for breaking into a "a certain park of the Queen, namely the pound." [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1594-5.*

Presentment that there is an ancient common way, in a field called Barlett Filde, for the inhabitants within the parish of Bengeo to approach a meadow there called the Common Meade, in the parish of Bengeo; nevertheless, Robert Northe, of Bengeo Hall, in the parish of Bengeo, yeoman, has of late ploughed over the said way and wholly destroyed it. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that there is, and time out of mind has been, a common high way called "Forty Foote Waye," between the bridge called Whitebridge, and the post called Ashewell Stulpe (*sic*) within the parish of Ashewell next to a lane there called Helbeck Lane; nevertheless Edward Turner, of Ashewell, husbandman, on the 7th of January, stopped and ploughed up the same. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that there is, and from time immemorial has been, a common foot way through and across a close of land called "the Churchefilde," in the parish of Cottered, leading to and from the parish church of Cottered, and that George Awstin, of Cottered, husbandman, by order of ——— Bushe, of Cottered, clerk, on 1 April, 35 Eliz. [A.D. 1593], ploughed up and overturned the said common foot way, whereby the same has been stopped up unto the day of the taking of this inquisition. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that there is and was from time immemorial a common foot way, through and across a close of pasture called the Pightell near adjoining the mansion house of George Starre, of Cottred, husbandman, leading to and from the parish church of Cottered, and that on 1 April, 35 Eliz. [A.D. 1593], the said George Starre made and erected a hedge (?) in the north and west part of the said close, and a ditch in the south and east part of the same close, whereby the said footway was obstructed and stopped up until this day, namely, 8 July, 36 Eliz. and still is. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that a common way, called Somersales Lane, leading from Sandon to Buntingford, and lying within the parishes of

Leyston and Buckland is "noisome" and washed away, and that the inhabitants of the said parishes of Leyston and Buckland ought to repair the same. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of John Cook, labourer, Elizabeth Cooke, spinster, and Anna Deane, spinster, all late of Flampsted, for breaking into the mansion house of John Whetherhedd, between the hours of two and three in the afternoon, and taking away various articles, including a woman's robe, value twenty shillings; one pair of linen sheets, value ten shillings, eight napkins [mappas] to the value of eight shillings; a waistcoat, value two shillings; a pair of stockings, value twelve pence; two rings of gold, value two shillings and eight pence, one ring of silver, value twelve pence and four shillings and sixpence in money. [*Deeds* 82.]

Presentment of William Gliverey, late of Caddington, labourer, for breaking into the house of Agnes Hattam, widow, at Caddington, and taking away four pairs of linen sheets, value thirty three shillings and four pence, a piece of linen cloth called a table cloth, value three shillings; an apron, value two shillings; a piece of linen cloth, in English, "a neckercher," value four shillings; four pieces of linen cloth called "holland kerchers," value two shillings; two pieces of linen cloth called "crosseclothes," value ten pence, one pair of gloves, value three pence; and one basket, value six pence; the goods of the said Agnes. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Cuthbert Squire, of Hinxworth, used to scour a ditch or drain leading from Greenstreet there towards the common fields, which he now suffers to lie unscoured to the common annoyance of the inhabitants there. [*Ibid.*]

Agreement of the justices that every high sheriff of the county at the time of the assizes shall make provision, and keep a table for the justices who shall appear at the same assizes. Each justice to pay and contribute for his dinner two shillings and sixpence in money, and for the dinner of his servant eightpence. [*Deeds* 269].

Presentment of Simon Albery, of Aston, for stopping up a footpath leading from Churche End to Kymswell Well, and also a churche path from Kymswell End to the church, which has been used as a common way for forty years. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1595-6.*

Licence for John Sampson, of Aspeden, tailor, to build a dwelling house upon a parcel of ground called Lande Meade, in the parish of Aspeden, being copyhold land of the manor of Moore Hall. The licence to endure for forty years.

Presentment that the high way between Bulles Mill and Stapleford bridge is "anoyed" by the river there, and that the parish of Stapleford should reform the same; and that the footpath between Ware and Hertford, between Cowe Lease and Balle's Hooke is an annoyance to the passengers that way, and should be amended and kept by Mr. Alderman Somes and Mr. Gardener who own the ground on both sides of the river; that the highway betwixt a house called the Peacocke, and along the highway to the Marsh gate is greatly annoyed by the water and is to be amended by the parish of Much Amwell; and that the footpath in the parish of Much Amwell, from the house of Thomas Camp, of Broxbourne, down to the brook, and the bridge there are to be amended by the parishioners of Amwell and Broxbourne. [*Deeds* 267.]

Presentment of William Bonis, of Stoneberry, in the parish of Hormead, for forestalling corn and grain in the market at Hormead. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Order of the Privy Council for the restraint of killing and eating of flesh "this next Lent." *Printed.* [*Deeds* 267].

Presentment that John Shotbolte, of Yardley, gent., had lately enclosed with a hedge and a ditch, a part of the common way there lying in the fields of Yardley, in a place called Buredenn Valley, otherwise Burepytt Valley, in Yardley, next Lufnall Streete, leading from Lufnall Streete to Rushden, Bradfield, Sandon, and other towns. [*Ibid*].

Presentment that a certain common lane called Bryan's Lane lying within the parishes of Cotterhed, Throcking, and Aspeden, is in a bad condition and worn away so as to make its passage dangerous for the public "with theare cartes and loded horses," and that it should be repaired by the said parishes severally in respect of the part within each parish. [*Deeds* 20-1].

Presentment that there is a certain high way at Awstwicke,

one part of which runs alongside the lands of Joan Crowche, widow, and Nicholas Crowche, on the north side; that the bank of that way is greatly burdened with trees and growing thorns to the public inconvenience; and that the said Joan and Nicholas, as owners of the said bank, had not scoured the ditches of the said way, nor lopped the trees and thorns on the bank of the said part of the way as they should have done, so that the course of the water is impeded. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that William Fordham, of Tharfilde, husbandman, on a certain date at Kelshull, cut and wounded James Willmott, of Kelshull, yeoman, with a scythe, so that his life was despaired of. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that there is and has been from time immemorial a common footpath at Aston, leading from the Church End there to Kymswell, in the parish of Aston, and also the same path leading from Kymswell End in Aston to Aston Church. Nevertheless, Symond Alberry, of Aston, husbandman, on a certain date, not ignorant of the premises but designing and intending to destroy the said common footpath, obstructed and stopped up the same. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Thomas Coell, otherwise Coells, of Leyston, husbandman, for cruelly beating and wounding Robert Ansham, at Leyston, in a place there called Swale's Meade. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1596-7.*

Presentment that William Kynge, of Brawghinge, labourer, on the above date, took "a young mastie bytch" belonging to George Hamond and did flea her, being a live, and so the dog had come to the house of the said George Hamond, without its skin; and further that a little time afterwards the said George Hamond was robbed by unknown men. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that, from time immemorial, there has been a common passage or way in a field within the parish of Wellwyn, called Martillmas, through which common way the inhabitants of Digonswell and Wellwyn were accustomed to pass with their carriages and droves ["driftis"] whenever necessary; nevertheless Hugh North, of Digonswell, not in ignorance of the premises but design-

ing and intending wholly to obstruct and debar the said "common passage or waye," on the 29th December, 39 Eliz. [A.D. 1596], obstructed the same with a barred stile so that the inhabitants of the said parishes were not able to pass and repass as they had been accustomed. Further the said Hugh still continues this harm. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Thomas Wigges, of Weston, labourer, for having, at Weston, on the above date assaulted John Bamforthe, constable there, in the execution of his duty, tearing and spoiling a piece of linen cloth which the said John was wearing round his neck; striking him with a bowl (*obba*) and beating and wounding him. [*Ibid.*]

Edward Bull affirmed that it was spoken in his hearing upon Cottered Greene, that the Lord Admiral of England had put sand into barrels instead of "powlder" within the ships that the Earl of Essex should go forth withal, and that the Lord Admiral for that was committed to the Tower, but by whom those words were spoken he well remembreth not; and that Thomas Antwissell "should" bring this news from the Court, having been lately there, but who affirmed that he likewise remembreth not.

Edward Whytenberry, of Cottered, tailor, deposed to similar effect.

Thomas Antwissel "confessed (being examined) that he told Whytenberry that (as he knew) there was sand or grease where powder should be, but he thought it was not by the Lord Admiral's means." [*Deeds* 2-2.]

"Articles which all alehouse keepers and vittlers hereafter following are with their sureties bound to observe and keep uppon the forfecture of their several recognizannce:—

1. Firste that everye of them be continually furnished as well with convenyent lodginge as allsoe with good and holsome vitualls fitt to serve all suche as uppon honeste occasions shall repayre unto his howse.
2. Item that none of them doe lodge any person or persons but suche as he will answere for.
3. Item if knowledge doe come to the towne of any robbery committed, then everye one of them shall declare to the

Connstables the names, apparrell, and, if he can, the dwelling place allsoe of all such persons as dydd lodge in his howse two daies before or two daies after suche robbery commytted.

4. Item that nonne of them shall suffer anie unlawfull games to be used or played in his howse or groundes.
5. Item that none of them shall suffer any eatinge or drinkinge in his howse in the time of Devyne Service one the Sondaies or hollydaies.
6. Item none of them shall dresse or suffer to be dressed or eaten within his howse any kinde of fleshe in the time of Lente, or any other tyme or daies wherein the same is prohibited.
7. Item that none shall suffer any howsehoulde servant to any person or persons whatsoever dwellinge within that towne (excepte suche as shall have necessarye occasion of business with them) to resorte and tarry within his howse to thentente to typple and drinke.
8. Item that none of them shall suffer any person or persons whatsoever (excepte suche as shall lodge in his howse) to tarry within his howse after nyne of the clocke from Easter daie untyll mychaellmas, nor after eight of the clocke in the winter.
9. Item that none of them shall sell any ale or beare above the rate of four pence a gallon, and that every one of them shall have a second sorte of ale and beare which they shall sell for 2d. a gallon, which they shall from tyme to tyme sell oute of their howses to their poor neighboures.
10. Item that none of them shall buye any goodes of any wayfaringe man or passenger, or others, that shall bring the same to their howses to sell, but shall firste before he shall buy them make the constable or some other officer acquainted therewith, whereby if any suspition maye be conceaved that the same goods were stolne the partie and the said goods may be staid."

Then follow the names of certain publicans and their sureties in the following places:—Hertford, Chesthunt, Brickenden, Great Amwell, the Liberty of Baylie Hall, and Hoddesdon.

Number of alehouses agreed to be allowed in the hundred of Hertford :—

In Chesthunt...	14
Wormeley	1
Broxbourne	2
Hoddesdon	8
Amwell Magna	4
,, Parva	3
Bayford	1
Barkemsteed	1
Esendon	1
Hertford	12
Brickendon	2
Hartingfordbery	2
Tewinge	1
Benjoy	2

[*General* 14A.]

SESSIONS FOR 1597-8.*

It is agreed at Quarter Sessions by the Justices of the Peace, that Edward Fouke shall serve the composition poultry for this fortieth year of her Majesty's reign, at such prices as he had the last year, so that warrants be made and sent forth presently that he may have his money delivered unto him before the next Sessions at Hertford, or at the Sessions at the furthest. [*Deeds* 93.]

Recognizance of Edward Bull, of Cottered, to appear before the justices, in the matter of slanderous words spoken by Thomas Antwissel, of Cottered, of Lord Charles Haward, Baron of Effingham and High Admiral of England. [*Deeds* 2-2.]

Presentment that the high way at the end of the town of Ware, lying in the parish of Great Amwell, is very ruinous and washed away by the inflow of water thereupon, so that, for a long time, the highway was impassable for men as well as horses; and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Amwell ought to repair the same. [*Deeds* 20-1].

Presentment of David Bell, of Royston, victualler, William Larke, of the same, victualler, and William Acocke, of the same victualler, for severally pursuing the craft mystery or occupation

of a baker, not having been apprenticed thereto for a term of seven years. [*Ibid.*]

Petition of the inhabitants of Buntingford, for the suppression of abuses arising from secret victualling houses, not licensed, as well as from licensed houses, especially that of John Stanfield, otherwise "Grene Cloke," of the parish of Laistone, who keeps "a howse of great disorders as well in intertayninge of the worst sort of people as also by sufferinge swearinge, gamynge, drunkenness, quarrellinge, and great suspicion of whoredom" to the great disturbance of his neighbours by night and day. Many signatures appended. [*Deeds* 93.]

"After our hartye commendacions theis are to pray you to take speedye order that your wholl composicion powltrye for the forteth yere of her Majestie's reigne be in good sorte delyvered to Robert Warden, her Majestie's purveyor of commissioners powltrye at her highenes storehouse within Busshopsgate in London in manner and forme followinge, viz. uppon the first day of June next cominge twentye dossen thereof and so from thenceforth every week twentye dossen tyll all your service be performed; whereof we pray you not to fayle. And so we byd you hartelye farewell from the Cowrte at Whitehall the twentieth day of December, 1597.

Signed, R. Noahe.
W. Knowyl.
Ja. Quarles.
He. Cocke.
Ro. Vernon."
[*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1598-9.*

Trinity Term. Appeal for voluntary offerings by the late townsmen of Tyverton, in the county of Devon, in aid of their relief. The town had been utterly destroyed by fire on 3rd April last, when 400 dwelling-houses with their contents were annihilated, damage was done to the amount of £150,000, and about 940 men, women, and children ruined, besides 50 persons burned to death, and many more since dead through sorrow. Addressed to the circuit of Mr. Justice Gawdye and of Mr. Justice

Glanville, and delivered at the Assisis by the order and appointment of Mr. Justice Gawdy. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that from time immemorial there has been a certain footbridge within the parish of Aspedon, which ought to be repaired by Thomas Ayre, of Widdiall, butcher, and that the said footbridge is very ruinous and in decay through the default of the said Thomas. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Michaelmas. Presentment of Agnes Branch, of Great Hadham, spinster, for obstructing a common footpath by building a house upon it. The said footpath led from Great Hadham to Stortford through her lands. [*Ibid.*]

Declaration signed by Jo. Bayford, Thomas Milles, Robert Felstead, Henry Crane, Thomas Crane, and Robert Bates, that "whereas of late there hath been some question concerning a footpath at Greenetye, between Agnes Braunch and Edward Haynes, whether the path should go so much on the land of the said Agnes as the said Edward challengeth it should; know ye that we whose names are underwritten for the quieting of the said controversy, do testify of a truth that we have known of a long time the footpath in question usually to have been through the ground of the said Edward, and did turn between the corner of the house of the said Agnes and the orchard of the said Edward, and not to go upon the ground of the said Agnes above 10 rods or thereabouts until now of late time." [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1598.*

Michaelmas. Presentment that a bridge called Ford Bridge, leading from Wareside to Hodsden market, is ruinous through the default of Richard Davy, of the parish of Ware, husbandman, who ought to repair and maintain the same by reason of the tenure of land in his occupation. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Edward Wilkinson, deputy bailiff of the Hundred of Hertford and Brawghinge, is accustomed to warn her Majesty's subjects within the said hundreds to serve at the Assizes without shewing any warrant or giving them notice between, whom they are to serve, so that giving their attendance accordingly

they have lost their time and departed again without being called to do any service.

Presentment that a certain bridge over the water of Ley, in the parish of Stansted, called "le Ryebridge," is very ruinous, and that a large portion of it has lately fallen through the flooding of the waters so that the public cannot cross the same; and that Anthony Whitfield, of London, haberdasher, by reason of the tenure of the manor or mansion house of "le Rye," with appurtenances in Stansted, ought to repair the same as he and all those whose estate he now has in the said premises has and have been accustomed to do for time immemorial whenever necessary. [*Deeds* 93.]

Stortford. Names of all those which are offenders and defaulters in respect of working on the highway after receiving notice :—

Thomas Crabbe, behind with his cart		4	days.
Thomas Bowyere	do.	do.	,,
Wm. Gladwin	do.	do.	,,
John Skingle	do.	3	,,
Thomas Samon	do.	4	,,
Phillemon Gurston	do.	do.	,,
Frances Abell	do.	do.	,,
Timothie Archer	do.	2	,,

The names of 35 others, described as labourers, are given. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1598-9.*

Great Wymundeley.—Letter from E. Pulter, treasurer for the collection for the relief of the poor of the county, to the justices at the Quarter Sessions at Hertford, next after the Epiphany, 1598, with certificate, as follows, of the state of the Almshouse near Waltham and certifying that he paid £4 to the governor of the same :—

"Item, Cassander Crouche, governess of the Allmonse House, near Waltham Crosse (in the absence of her husband), and John Browne, substitute of the same house, affirmed and said to the said Edward Pulter, 16th October, 1598, in the preseuce of Edward

Scarlett, of Waltham Crosse, John Lucas, hedbowrowe, of Waltham, and William Keame, servant to the said Edward Pulter, that the Spittlehouse or Allmonsehouse at Waltham, was situated in the county of Middlesex, and that on the said day there was in the house together with Crouch, her husband and herself, eighteen persons, whereof fourteen were impotent, of which number six persons only were born in Herts, two in Middlesex, two in Kent, three in Essex, one in Bucks, whereof all those forriners were in the said house before Crouch came thither, except two who came—one from Essex, the other from Kent."

Presentment that Robert Renoldes, of Hertford, "coryer," who, not having the fear of God before his eyes, entered the yard of Robart Dawson, of Hertford, "coryer," and carried away five hides worth 20s. [*Deeds* 270.]

Presentment that the highway between Ware and Widford, near "Old Hawle," is very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of Ware ought to repair the same. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

SESSIONS FOR 1599-1600.*

Presentment of Richard Dawes, of Hitchin, tavern-keeper, for that by colour of the using of his wine tavern aforesaid, he exposed for sale in his house aforesaid at Hitchin, bread and beer, as well for men as horses; and also used in his house lodging for packmen; whereas in truth the same house was never hitherto used as an inn. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment of Edmund Andrewes, the younger, of Great Munden, gent., for fishing in the pond of Edward Rawlet, at Great Munden, in a close there called "Drawebackes," and killing and taking divers fish called "carpes" and other fish of the value of three shillings and fourpence. [*Deeds* 270.]

Petition of the inhabitants of Chesthunt to Sir Henry Coke, knight, lord of the manor of Cheshunt, in reference to a recent order for the relief of the poor. As touching the provision of corn, they complain that John Shellye and Thomas Harrys, of Chesthunt, "loders," not only buy corn in one market and sell it in another market, unground, but also go from barn to barn,

and buy up the corn at the barn doors, so that petitioners can not buy it for their ready money. They formerly had their corn from Mr. Dakers, the parson, as they needed it, for money, but now, on account of the said forestalling, he carries it not to market. Many signatures and some curious marks. [*Deeds* 269.]

Presentment that a foot bridge lying between Hertford and Ware, between the lands called Bawles Hooke and the lands called Coweleys, in the parish of St. Andrews, in Hertford, is not sufficient for passage, and that the same bridge ought to be kept and maintained by the owners of the lands on either side thereof, who now are Mr. Alderman Stephen Somes and Mr. Francis Bowyer [Boyes ?], of the parish of All Saints, Hertford. Further presentment that there ought to be a foot bridge between Sawbridgworth and Eastwicke which is now taken away and the same ought to be kept and maintained by ——— Clarke, gent., and Richard Spencer, of Estwicke.

Presentment that all the Queen's tenants of a river at Sawbridgworth called the Old River, from a place called the Lowe Shutt, running out of the "new river" to a bridge called the high bridge by the said town, should scour the said river being "a fowle anoyaunc for flowing of the meadowes." To be done within a month after Michaelmas next. [*Deeds* 270.]

Presentment that a foot bridge leading and lying between Hertford and Ware, namely between the lands called Balles Hooke and the lands called Cowe Lees, in the parish of All Saints in Hertford, is unsafe, and that one part of the said bridge should be repaired by Stephen Sommes, citizen and alderman of London, and the other part by Francis Boyer [Boyes ?], of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, on account of their several lands adjacent. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment of John Pearson and sixteen others (some of them also being unlicensed) for selling beer at the rate of three halfpence per quart.

Presentment of Mistress Yonge and Arthur Duncomb, for not making bread, white bread and household bread, according to the assize. [*Deeds* 270].

Presentment of William Scott, Edward Warman, and John Gates, laborers, all of Aspeden, for not doing their allotted work in

repairing the highways of the same parish after having been elected by the surveyors for that purpose. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment of William Sympson, of Bishop's Hatfield, tyler, for shooting "hayleshott" in the Queen's park called Innynges Park at Bishop's Hatfield, on 23 November, and at other times contrary to the statute of 2 Edward VI., "book" 10. [*General* 15.]

Presentment of William Pollard, of Ickleford, laborer, for stealing one measure of oats value ten pence, the property of Richard Hancecombe. [Endorsed] "Cognovit. Whipped." [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1600-1601.*

Presentment of Thomas Thakerell, of Sawbridgworth, tayler, for disturbing the minister and the communicants between "the delivering of the wine† and the prayers." [Endorsed]. Mr. Gray was of opinion that it was no disturbance within the statute, and therefore he rejected the presentment as void. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment that John Bascombe, a chapman of small wares, without any habitation or dwelling place, who usually "keepethe" Stortford market, has left his lawful wife and keeps another woman as his wife, contrary to the law. [*Deeds* 266.]

Presentment that the pound and the stocks of Weston are not sufficient and ought to be "done" by the Lady Pickeringe, lady of the same manor. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that in Ashwell, "one Andrew Tomson's wife doth bake, and William Everite's wife doth bake bread to sell being not apprenticed nor licensed." [*Ibid.*]

Order—To the constables of Ashewell or any one of them. It is ordered by the "holebenche" at the Sessions held at Hertford, that all such poor inhabitants of Ashewell as are taken breaking hedges, or stealing, or cutting down wood, that for every such offence so committed the men and women for the first offence to be stocked, except the women at the time of the fact committed be

† No mention of bread.

great with child, and their children for the like offence to be only whipped. The like punishment to be inflicted for gathering of "haume" † or stubble. [*Deeds* 266.]

Presentment of Henry Bull, gent., bailiff, of Hertford, for a bridge "not made," leading over the river between Oldehall Mead and Hartam "being an old usual foote waye"; also of Henry Bull and Robert Northe, of Bengeo, for not "making" a bridge, which was decayed, over the river between Hartam and a field called Conner Hill being "a usual foote waye." [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of John Boterell, of Aspeden, for digging a pit in the highway, in the parish of Aspeden, leading from Buntingford to Ware. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment of John Snowe, of Aspeden, husbandman, William Burre of the same, laborer, and William Browne, of Westmyll, yeoman, for insufficiently making and maintaining their banks of the rivulet in Rea Meade in the parish of Aspedon, whereby the rivulet broke its banks and submerged the highway leading from Buntingford to Westmyll. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1601-2.*

Presentment that a certain bridge in the highway in the parish of Buckland, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Buckland ought to repair the same. [*Deeds* 20-1.]

Presentment that a watercourse in the parish of Tharfyld, and near Royston, is dangerous and overflowing, and should be amended by the inhabitants of Tharfield. [*Ibid.*]

Order at Quarter Sessions that the justices in every division shall call before them all the higlers dwelling there, licenced or otherwise. All such as are of good ability to resume their licences to do so, and as regards such as are poor and have no other trade or means to live by, to "tolerate" them until the next Quarter Sessions, taking bonds according to the contents of the Council's letters, which they are to publish in every market town within their division. And all such as do use higling without licence are to answer at the next Quarter Sessions. [*Deeds* 30.]

Presentment that William Day, of Braughing, yeoman, has

† Haulm, straw, stubble, stalks of plants.

stopped up an ancient "way of passage" through his ground to Cockyn Lane, in the said parish, and has cut up the stiles and has "taken away the easementes with hedging upp and dyching out the Queen's leige people." [*Ibid.*]

Stortford:—A note of the names of such as are behind with their works in the highways there this year:—the Lady Denny, Phillemon Gurson, and 29 others. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Stansted Bridge is in great decay "and ready to fall down." It is the Quene's bridge, "she hath the tole of it, and if it be not spedyly repayred no man can passe."

Presentment that the bridge at the Rye being fallen down is a great annoyance to the people, and that it has [hitherto] been repaired by the tenants of the same (*sic*).

Presentment that a bridge in Barley called Pullettes Bridge, is in great decay and that the inhabitants of the town and parish of Barley ought to "make" the same. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1602-3.*

Presentment that for time out of mind there has been a common pond in King's Walden, which has lately been severed and taken in with a pale by Thomas Crawley of the same place, yeoman, and further that he encroached with the said pale upon the highway leading from Offeley to Hertford. [*Deeds* 13-2].

Presentment that the bridge in Brickingdone, called Brickel Bridge, is decayed and should be repaired by the inhabitants of that parish.

Presentment of John Brand, of Buntingford, weaver, and divers others for riotously assembling and cutting down a maypole at Yardley. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1603-4.*

Presentment that there is a fair commonly to be kept upon the Sabbath day in September called "St. Gyles fayre" in the parish of Chesthunt which "is against God, his law and the Kynge's."

Presentment that a footbridge lying between Baalshooke and

Cowlease, in the parish of All Saints [Hertford] is in decay and ought to be repaired by Sir Stephen Soomes (?) and Mr. Francis Bowyer.

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Presentment that the bridge at Watton Town's End, called the Belford Bridge, was "lustlye belt" by the old Earl of Essex, who was lord of Benyngton.

Petition of the inhabitants of Tunford, "an endship" of Cheshunt, against Robert Trimmer. Sets forth that he is not a fit man to keep a victualling house, as he is suspected to "be infected with an unwholesome decease" as may be discovered by his speech, his hands and other parts of his body; that his wife is a notorious slut and "not fit to keep vittelinge." His wife's daughter, who keeps continually in his house, is a common naughtie-pack, hath had one bastard and is now forward with another. He is a common lodger "of all baggage people, as rogues, tinkers, peddlars, and such like and cares not whom he receives, his house standing at the town's end, nor from whence they come, so he makes gain of them," &c., &c. Signed by Thomas Westwood, John Egleton, Thomas Royse, William Pontifex, Jo. Pricklove, Peter Favill, Wm. Clarke, Thomas Lincoln, Robert Beale, and Richard Shakerly. [*Deeds* 38-4].

Presentment that James Rolfe, commissary, with other officers in that court, received of John Bedell, of Yardley, the sum of fifteen shillings for engrossing an inventory containing not above the value of twenty marks.

Schedule of wages for artificers, &c. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that the Parsonage Bridge in the parish of Stortford, has been in great decay for three years and that the same ought to be repaired by the Lady Margarett Denny, widow, of Stortford. [*Ibid.*]

"Imprimis that this jewrye† dothe fynde that all thinges wythe us are omnye benne."

30 August. "The wyfe of John Robyns, labourer, of Hitchin, did go into the corne feyld of the parish of Hitchin, to gleane graine as is usuall for all pore to doe, and being on a land whear no grayne was uncarryed wythin the space of thre acres by judg-

† Place not stated.

ment of those which doe know ytt, Edward Hurste, the sonne of Danyell Hurste, beinge farmer of the tythe there meeting her asked her wheather she went. She answered 'to glean, I cannot tell wheather,' He bad her goe downe on the same land and she went about five yardes in the same land by the baulke, being so far as is said from any grain uncarryed. The said Edward unadvysedlye came to her and did stryke her suddainlye wyth a pitchforke, being a sufficient forke to work wyth, on the head and on the loynes untill he brake his forke, playnlye to be proved by those which wear by them in the field, by means whearof she could not labour to do any busynes to sustain her and her children, and do her business for her husband, neyther yet can; the which hath bin not only great hinderance to their maintenance but she is still without her health, the markes of the blowes wear seene and knowen by these her neyghbours of honest fame and behavyour.

Goodwyffe Hobbes,
Widdow Brownsall,
Goodwyffe Mytten,
Goodwyffe Turrell,
and others."

[*Deeds* 38-4.]

SESSIONS FOR 1605-6.*

Presentment that Thomas Pence, of Wiggington, broke into the close of George Weale, yeoman, in a field there called Steene Field, "and into the barley and oats there growing and in cocks [*in tassis, Anglice swaithes*] with certain dogs called 'spanyelles,' and with a 'sparhawke' did hawke, to the great injury of the said George and in contravention of the Statute."

Presentment that William Croxton, of Collyer Rowe, in co. Essex, yeoman, broke into a park of the King called Hatfield Wood with a crossbow.

Presentment that Ford Bridge in the parish of "Broffine" is decayed and should be repaired and maintained by the said parish.

Presentment that the highway called Sayes Feylde Layne is decayed by reason of John Bett and Frances Nevell, with divers others within the parish of Sawbridgeworth, digging clay there. [*Deeds* 38-3.]

SESSIONS FOR 1606-7.*

Presentment that the inhabitants of Stansteede are greatly annoyed by "the making of wode," so that not only the inhabitants but strangers are constrained to stope their nosses as they go bye, the stinke is so greate; which anoyance is comited by Mr. Richard Keellinge."

Presentment that Grumball Pemmerton, dwelling at Barkhemstead, being "a common berebrewer," sells his bere by retail without licence.

Presentment of Franncis Gery, of the same place, innkeeper, for "playing at tables" with others.

Presentment that Ford bridge, in the parish of Braughinge, is decayed and very dangereus and should be amended by the county. [*General* 14.]

The examination of Joane, the wife of ——— Shanbrook, of Hertford, and others, touching the ill-behaviour of Mary Springham, of Hertford, spinster. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1609-10.*

Presentments by the great Inquest :—

That Wadesmill Bridge is decayed, but by whom it should be mended is unknown. Passengers cannot pass over it.

That Braffing Bridge is decayed so that a cart cannot pass over it.

That New Bridge, lying between Braffing and Westmill is decayed and lacks planks, but by whom it should be nended is unknown.

That on 1st May, 1606, "Furins Hinson, of Barckwaye, inholder, drew his dagger in the parish of Barkway, against whom it is unknown; and swore that whosoever came near him he would sit him back."

That John Cooke, of Gossmoore, in the parish of Hippolittes, sold beer without a licence and said they were fools that would give money for a licence. [*Deeds* 20-2.]

Presentment that the beacon upon Hertford Heath is decayed and is to be repaired. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Robart Triniinier [Trimmer?] of Tunford Stone, in the parish of Chesthunt, for annoying the King's leige people in the highway with "compase" that was thrown out of a ditch.

Presentment of William Saman, of St. Andrewes, parish of Hartford, for his "usall hunting" contrary to the King's laws. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of John Olliver, of Waltome, glover, for annoying "the water brooke" with his skins. [*Ibid.*]

"We fynd that Smallin (*sic*) bridge is owght of repare and gret neyed of repayer betwickes Waltom Cross and Waltom Abbey," and also that Wollmares bridge in the parish of Hartyngford Bery and Barcomsted is "gonne" and is to be made by John Catlyne, of Harttyngford Berry "who holds the ground." [*Ibid*].

Presentment that William Hayday, of Barley, converted one messuage into two separate tenements for habitation, without assigning to each of them four acres of land. [*Deeds* 44.]

Presentment of Fillip Howe and William Norris, both of Cottered, for that they "kepe in" part of a common, being part of a lane called Bumbill Lane, being the common way leading to Buntingford, lying between Flanes Greene and Crouches Greene against Coule Croft.

"A byll to the gret inquest to certifye that Roger Nelson, of Newgat Streat, in the parish of Byshop's Hatfylde, dothe kepe a common alehouse without any lycenc."

Presentment of Thomas Peggerom, of Hertford, for not keeping a sufficient bridge over a river, in a meade called Kynges Meade, lying between Hertford and Ware Parke which bridge is at the Ware House. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Sir Gylberd Knefton [or Kneston] knight, of Tannes, in the parish of Apssten [Aspeden] for stopping and shutting up a high way leading from West Mell and Apssten to the parish of Bauldocke. [*Deeds* 15-10.]

The names of those that were found to be rioters at "a privat

Sessions" held at St. Albans on above date, concerning a riot committed at Kinges Langley, 18 February, 1609 :—

Nathanyell Prior, a headborough, fined £2.
Thomas Bygge, fined 10 shillings.
Anthony Wilkinson, fined 20 shillings.
Leonard Bacon, fined £2. [*Deeds* 44.]

SESSIONS FOR 1611-12.*

Presentment of John Cleare, of Thorley, for stopping a water-course against his mead, which mead lies against a croft called Nicholl's Croft.

Presentment of Toby Leyman, of Broxbourne, "for that he dothe brewe, bake, and vytaylle without lycence." [*Deeds* 15-10.]

Presentment that Thomas Howe, of the parish or manor of Benjoye, "lathrender," is a common barrator. [*Ibid.*]

Richard Cocke, of Chessam, in co. Bucks, husbandman, was presented for damming up a common pool, at Flaunden Street, in the parish of Hempsted, adjoining the common way there leading from Flaunden Street to the town of Hempsted, and also for enclosing a parcel of the said way there with a ditch and a hedge. [*Deeds* 262.]

Presentment of a bridge between Asson [Aston] and Banentone [Bennington ?], which the lord of Benentton should make.

Presentment of Henerye Grere, of the Bell of Tr[illegible]nge, and Barnate Dagno, for keeping an "alehouse" without licence. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of John Graie, of Sandon, yeoman, for erecting in a certain place there called Sayfield Gate, near Rowe Grene, a cottage for habitation, wherein Stephen Chamberlin lives, without assigning four acres of his own freehold land to be occupied by the tenant of the said cottage.

Presentment of John Pett, of Furnex Pellallam, for finding partridges eggs and setting them under hens, which he has done for several years.

Presentment of the hundred of Braughing, for not mending the bridge of Standon.

Presentment that the way between Stapellford and Bulles Mell is very much out of repair through water, and that the parishioners of Stapleford ought to mend it. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1612-13.*

The presentments of John Kinge and Ralph Doncombe, of Aldenham, yeomen, surveyors of the high ways in the parish of Aldenham:—First, we present Henry Beamond, of Aldenham, yeoman, for that, having a sufficient draught of horses, he did refuse and make default in working in the highway leading from Radlet to Idlestree (Elstree) in the aforesaid parish, one day, being thereunto warned by us according to the law. Item, we present John Warner, of Radlett, for a like offence. [*Deeds* 262].

Presentment that a foot bridge in Sawbridgeworth over a brook called Neutone Brook, leading from Harlowe to Sawbridgeworth, in the King's roode [road] upon London high way is decayed, and is to be made by the "Kinge's bayley," William Preston. [*Ibid.*]

Names of the jury [at Whethamsted]:—

Abraham Crawley, of Wheathamsted, gent.
John Christian, ,,
Thomas North, the elder, ,,
John Clarke, ,,
Edward Grunwin, of Bamfield Wood.
John Cutt, of Tapp Streete.
Christopher Gonnys, of Harpenden.
William Carpenter, ,,
Thomas Halsey, otherwise Chambers, of Whethamsted.
Edward Wrast, Whethamsted.
Edward Leaper, ,,
William Ellis, ,,
John Whitlocke, ,,
Thomas Davye, otherwise Ewington, Whethamsted.
William Baker, Whethamstead.
John Ellis, ,,
Andrew Newman, of Gustard Wood.
Robert Chapman, ,,
Nicholas Marshall, ,,

Robert Wright, of Gustard Wood.
William Russell, ,,
Thomas Kilbye, the elder, of Harpenden.
,, younger, ,,
Henry Shephard, ,,

[*Deeds* 263.]

SESSIONS FOR 1613-14.*

Presentment that a bridge lying at the Ware House going into Sir Henry Fanche's [Fanshaw's] park, and on ground in the occupation of William Samman, is an annoyance. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that a bridge lying in Broad Conee is in decay and should be repaired by Sir John Pulteney, knight. [*Ibid*].

Presentment that Hairestreete Bridge in Great Hornemeade parish, leading from Buntingforde to Pellame, is greatly decayed and should be repaired by the parishioners of Hornemeade. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Henry Thorowgood, of Baldock, for not scouring a ditch, which is the "dreane of the town, to carry the water down to the water mill." [Endorsed.] The malfeasance of Henry is vouched for by the oath of William Penne, of Clothall. [*Ibid.*]

Letter from Ralph Coningesbye to the keeper of Hertford gaol, informing him that Oliver Harding, of Waterfourde, committed for stealing the Earl of Salisbury's hounds, is to appear before a justice to be bound on his own security at the next Sessions in the hope that in "the meantime he will find the hounds." [*Deeds* 271.]

Presentment that a bridge at Coonye within the parishes of Shenlye and of St. Peeters, and the lordship of Sir John Powltney and the lordship of Henry Hull, is dangerous, and that Henry Hull and Sir John ought to mend it.

Presentment of a bridge in the said parishes of Shenlye and St. Peeters, within the lordship of Sir John Powltney and Mr. Edward Brisco, who ought to mend it.

Presentment of the parish of Braffing for not repairing "Grig's Case," between the same parish and Puckeredg.

Presentment of Samwell Toogood, of Benshow, "for living excommunicat, and other misdemeanours."

Presentment that Henry Thraie, of Hitchin, brickmaker, and William Harold, of the same, labourer, "doe usually walke in the nighte" without lawful reason. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1614-15.*

8 April, 1614. John Hull's information against Sebastian Coenie:—"May it please your worship to understand that I have divers times been wronged by words by Sebastian Coney since I was constable, and also this day above writ, which words are these as followe:—

"Here a man may be bould to talke with you, sir, now that you are no constable, but when you were constable you used me like a raskald knave, and I asked him if he were not drunke. He answered I am as sober as thou art, and can tell what I say, and I say that my mother is an honester woman than thine, for my mother never was drawen to the cuking stooll, and so was thine, which old Baker will say as well as I. I am a towne borne childe and thou art a Jack dog, and I am as good a man as thyselfe, and give as much to the poore. I demanded how that could be and he doe noe work but goe from alehouse to alehouse and spend his time so lewedly. He answered me by takinge of money as I did, and they were wise men I warrant you that made such a Jackanapes constable. I asked him what they were that made Henry King constable. He answered that Henry King was a scurvy knave also and a busy fellow, but for you I will remember when time shall serve.

By me, John Hull."

[*Deeds* 271.]

Presentment that Clement Philipps, of Bishop's Hatfield, otherwise King's Hatfield, yeoman, stopped up and diverted a watercourse in a place there called Alane and a field called Bowstelles, thereby flooding the highway called Birch Crofte Lane within the parish of North Myms. [*Deeds* 264.]

SESSIONS FOR 1615-16.*

Easter Sessions. Presentment that the common highway in the parish of Throcking, leading from Fox Holls Lane, in Throcking and in the parish of Cottered, to a farmhouse in Throcking in

the tenure of John Bardolff, yeoman, and from thence to the town of Buntingford, is, in divers parts thereof especially at one common gate in Throcking next Foxholl's Lane and at another common gate near Bardolff s farm-house adjoining a close called Buttefield, in the tenure of Bartholomew Rule of Throcking yeoman, decayed by reason of water and mire through the default of the inhabitants of the parish of Throcking. [*Deeds* 264.]

Order of the Justices (in a dispute between Symeon Brograve, esquire, and the inhabitants of Albury, concerning the rating of lands for the King's "composition corn") that Symeon Brograve for all the lands in Albury of which he is now seised, either in his own right or that of his wife shall pay yearly for the said composition three bushells of wheat and four bushells of oats, being the ancient accustomed payment, and further that the defaults already returned upon the said lands of Mr. Brograve, over and above the said quantities, shall be discharged by the then inhabitants of Albury. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Richard Hauntler, of London, goldweaver, Thomas Johnson, of London, vintner, Robert Hauntler, of London, goldweaver, James Hauntler, of Buntingford, glover, and Thomas Etheridge, of Buntingford, for forcibly entering a messuage called "le Bell," at Laiston, in the lawful and quiet possession of Thomas Gostwicke, of Laiston, innholder, and expelling him therefrom. Writ for empanelling a jury in above case and jury panel. [*Deeds* 265.]

Presentment of Barnaby Newman, of London, linen draper, Thomas Newman, of Stotfold, co. Bedford, husbandman, and William Newman, of Langford, co. Bedford, husbandman, for not scouring the ditches leading from Hook's Green to Clothall, in Clothall, and from the said Hook's Green to a lane called London Lane in Clothall, and for intruding upon the highway with their hedges and ditches. [*Deeds* 264.]

Order concerning the poor rate for the town and parish of Hitchin.

Petition of inhabitants of Flamsteed on behalf of Robert Portris, of Flamsteed, laborer, who had served in the wars twice in the "Looe Contryes" and on the "Portingale Viage." Twenty-

three signatures, including that of John Stuars, "being felow solger with him at the relieving of the Soluse in the lord of Lester's time." [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that Thomas Mannsell, of the parish of Muche Monden, maltman, standing "excommunicate," did, upon 9 July inst., disturb the minister and congregation in the parish church there during sermon time, so that the minister was enforced to break off his sermon and to leave the church.

Presentment that the parish of Standone should repair the bridge there next adjoining Mr. Ralphe Sadler's house, being a "rood path" for divers, and a common church way.

Presentment of Edward Sadaler, of Stondon, gent., and Richard Beadell, the elder, of the same, yeoman, "for pulling and drawing Richard Powell, vicar of Stondon, and tearing his gown" and misusing him both in the school-house and in the church yard. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1616-17.*

Presentment of John Rombold, of Weston, for digging up and carrying away the soil from a lane in Weston, being the highway leading from Rensall Green to Friends Green. [*Deeds* 74-1.]

July. Presentment that a bridge in Sabridgworth is decayed and dangerous, but it is not known who ought to repair it, "it lieth not within any corporacion." [*Deeds* 33.]

10 January. Complaint of several inhabitants of Barkhamsteede as to disorders there and the ill-treatment of Richard Burton, an old soldier, by throwing him into the cage and keeping there though grievously wounded.

Petition of Matthewe Barnes. Shows that whereas he served many times in the wars, namely, first voluntarily in Spain and Portugal under Sir John Norrice, general, and Sir Franncis Drake, secondly, pressed into France by Sir John Leventhorp to serve under Sir Henry Docwra at the seige of "Roane," to whom he was firstly sergeant and afterwards mustered ancient of his company by Sir Thomas Coningsby, muster master, in which country he also served on three other several occasions, voluntarily under the King of France at the taking of Gourney; thirdly, he went volun-

tarily into the Low Countries and served there one year under Captaine Wilford and Capt. Fairefax as sergeant of their companies. And lastly he served in Ireland voluntarily as sergeant under Sir George Carey.

Having received many wounds, spent many years in the said services, impoverished himself and overthrown his youthful fortunes, he begs for a pension. [*Deeds* 272.]

List of badgers and higlers.

14 July. Presentment of the township of Stapleford, for not scouring the river there, through which neglect the highway leading from Hertford to Watton is damaged.

Broad Coney Bridge is returned as being in decay.

Petition of the inhabitants of Walkerne, concerning a dispute between the same town, and that of Benington touching rates and taxes.

Verdict of the grand jury at Hertford Sessions.

Presentment that the cartbridge in a field called Church Feild, in the parish of Chesthunt, which was first made by Mr. Middleton, of London, over the New River there, is so decayed and broken downe that those which have lands there cannot pass to their lands "to have their corn away" on the other side of the said New River. [*Ibid.*]

SESSIONS FOR 1618-19.*

Presentment that a certain part, being near Cowbridge, of the highway in the parish of Benjeo, leading from Benjeo to the vill. of Hertford is in great decay. [*Deeds* 74-1.]

Presentment of Thomas Gould and Henry Baker, overseers for the poor of the parish of Hemel Hempsted, for not assembling at the parish church on Sunday afternoon, after Divine service, to consider means for the relief of the poor. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of George Meade, the younger, of Ware, yeoman, for shooting "in a peece at conyes," at Ware. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment of Thomas Howe, of Hunsdon, for that being a tailor he exercised the art mistery or occupation of "le grocer."

Presentment of Thomas Crawly, of King's Wolding, for encroaching on the highway. [*Ibid.*]

20 Dec. Presentment that time out of mind there has been a king's highway leading from the village of Hertford to the village of Buntingford, and that a part of the same at Bengeo, adjoining the bridge pertaining to Hertford, called Cowbridge, extending in length from the said bridge towards the north 120 feet, in Bengeo, between the meadow of Richard Hall, gent., called Clarke's Mead otherwise Cowbridge Mead, now in the tenure of George Battell, gent., towards the east, and the messuage and garden of James Gardiner, gent., now in the tenure of John Curlys, towards the west, is in decay. *Conclusion of document decayed away.* [*Deeds* 266.]

Order at Sessions concerning a collection to be made for the scouring of an ancient river called the Fossedycke, to make the same navigable to the city of Lincoln, and also for the repair of certain havens in Suffolk. [*General* 2.]

SESSIONS—UNCERTAIN DATES.*

Presentment that the way called "War Wismil Hil" [Ware West Mill], in Ware parish, between Ware and Ware Westmill ought to be repaired by the said parish. [*Deeds* 263.]

Presentment of John Plase, of Restone, for keeping mens servants at play at unlawful times. [*Deeds* 82.]

Presentment that John Robenson, gent., and his wife have lived in the parish of Stansteid Abbott, upwards of two years, but during that time have not received communion, and that she has never been to the parish church and he not five times since they came there, and also that their child, born upwards of three weeks ago, is not baptized. [*Deeds* 2-2.]

Presentment of Richard Crowche, of Buntingford, for refusing to pay all manner of rates and payments to be gathered by the constables of the parish of Sondon, for the seven score acres of pasture which he occupies in the said parish.

Presentment [the heading torn away]: "We find nothinge betwene God and our concienses to present."

By the bailiffe. [*Deeds* 38-3].

Presentment of Johne Mortemer, of Balldoke, innkeeper, for

laying "compas" in the street to the "denoyinge" of the "townesmene and pasingers."

Presentment of "Master James Rose, commissarie of the corte in Linkehorne diessis, fore that he tooke five shillings of Antone Graye, of Tharfelde, for his absolucione being excomunecate."

Presentment of "Bearte the bale" for destraining the goods of William Totemane for a post fine, refusing to show his "extreate" and for taking two shillings for his process, and for destraining upon the same goods for another mans debt and refusing to show any "extreate."

Presentment of Richard Cory, of Stondon Mill, for "taking in" a parcel of ground, being a parcel of the common of pasture belonging to the inhabitants of Stondon.

Presentment of John Clarke, the younger, of Cottered, tailor, for disturbing the minister during Divine service. [*Deeds* 38-3.]

Hertford and Hundred of Hertford.

Articles concerning alehouses ordered by the Privy Council.

That they suffer no neighbours' children or servants, nor any dwelling in the same town to tipple in their houses.

That none be suffered to tipple in their houses on the Sabaoth and festival days at the times of sermons or service, nor at any time after nine of the clock at night.

That none be suffered to tipple in their houses in any one day above an hour.

That if any vagabonds or suspicious persons come to their houses they shall acquaint the officers with it, and so if any goods be offered in their houses to be sold by any.

That they suffer no "cardinge, dicinge, or other plaie in their houses."

That they suffer no drunkeness or dissolute disorder to be in their houses, and if any happen to be, to acquaint the constable of the town with it, that the offendor may be punished.

That they shall not brew in their houses but take their drink

from their brewer where it may so be had, and the best to be at six shillings the barrel, and the small at four shillings the barrel.

That they draw out their drink by the ale quart or pint and not by jugs or cups, and sell the best after the rate of three pence the ale gallon, and the worst after the rate of two pence the gallon, and that such as must needs brew themselves to make it so that they may sell it at the prices aforesaid. [*Deeds* 38-1.]

Presentment that William Jeames, of Braffinge, keeper of a tippling house, on 26 September, being "the Sabbaoth day," suffered drinking and playing at "slidgroat" in his house until the players "did fall together by the eares" to the breach of the peace.

Presentment of Thomas Smith, of Braffing, butcher, for making his "blend holle" in the highway and also for making his dunghill there.

Presentment of the inhabitants of Thunderidge and Waddes Mill for not having a "cuckinge-stoole" according to the statute.

Presentment of Henrye Gearye, of Tring, innholder, dwelling at the sign of the Bell, for being a drunkard, "and hath been drunk since Christmas last."

Presentment of William Portt "for the misordering of his gesse [guests] in the waye of drunckennesse, dwelling in Whettemsted." [*Deeds* 271.]

10 May. Petition of Elizabeth Rugmer, of Walseworthe, in the parish of Hitchyn, relict of John Rugmer. Her dwelling-house, with all her household stuff, corn and grain, to the value of £40, was "burned with fyer." She begs the justices to grant her licence, to ask, receive, gather, and have, the charitable devotion of well-disposed people within the county for the relief of herself and her eight poor children. [*Deeds* 260.]

14 July. Presentment that Hadams Myll Bridge is a great annoyance to the country, and that it should be made by the inhabitants of Hadham, as Thomas Teser has given upon oath on the information of others. [*Ibid.*]

Presentment that, in the parish of Ware, in the highway between Babes Greene and Baker's Ende, there is a pit digged which is very dangerous for the Queen's people.

Presentment of Alexander Spyttell, of Wydford, as a common "cosiner" and a very disordered fellow. [*Ibid.*]

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16. Indictment of Rowland Willmot, husbandman, for on 20 August, 17 Jas. I. [A.D. 1619], by force and arms, encroaching at Kelshall on the highway between the church and Mellfield, to the extent, by estimation, of one virgate of land, in English called a "yeard" of land, and for building part of a house thereon.

17. 8th January. Indictment of Thomas Ellis, otherwise Williams, of Hoddesdon, innholder, for assaulting Henry Metcalfe and stealing from him a gold ring, value 12s.

19. 28 September. Indictment of Thomas Lawrence, of Harpenden, husbandman, for breaking into the two closes of Thomas Neele, called Ballardes, and taking away two gates, etc.

24. The juries of the Hundreds of Brodwater, Odsey, and Edwinstree present:—

(*a*) Tamissinge Graye, widdow, of Hincksworthe, for absenting herself from divine service at her parish church or any other church for a period of seven months.

(*b*) John Browne, of Ashwell, labourer, for keeping a victualling house and drawing beer and ale without a licence.

(*c*) William Cocke, carpenter, of Stevenage, for erecting a cottage for habitation in the said parish of Stevenage, whereunto he has not "laid" four acres of freehold to be occupied with the same according to the statute.

(*d*) Thomas Burman, of "Raystone," in co. Cambs, "gentilman," for erecting two cottages in the parish of "Tharfield," for habitation without the necessary four acres to be occupied with the same. The cottages have been built since 1 September, 15 Jas. I. (1617),

† From 1620 onwards the documents here calendared are in the custody of the County at the Shire Hall, Hertford,

and are now "continued" by Richard Anndrow, of Rayston, shoemaker.

(*e*) William Munes, of Therfield, victualler, for keeping a common victualling house without a licence, and for harbouring suspected persons.

(*f*) John Wall, of Tharfield, for the like and for abusing the constable of Royston with evil speeches.

25. Presentments of the Hundred of Dacorum:—

(*a*) Eliz., the wife of Richard Partridge, of Bovingdon, laborer, for not coming to church to divine service nor sermon there.

(*b*) William Wells, of Great Gadsden, yeoman, and John Jefrye and his wife, of the same, and George Carpenter, of Wheathamstead, for a similar offence.

(*c*) John Rose, John Goodalle, and Joane Healye, for severally keeping an alehouse without licence.

(*d*) William Fletcher for serving the three last-named persons with beer which they sell without licence.

26. Presentments of the Hundred of Braughin:—

The inhabitants of Bishop Starford for not mending the "street" leading from the mill to the Wheat Hill in Starford, which [street] is now in decay.

27. The great inquest present that the great bridge of Bountingford, in the parish of Laistone, is in great decay, and that the county should repair and maintain it for horse and man.

28. 24 June. Presentment of Peter Page, of Aldenham, higgler, and Thomas Ferne, of the same, higgler, for buying and regrating butter, cheese, fish, and other "dead" victuals at Watford market, whereby the said market is made much dearer and such like victuals much scarcer. Henry Spencer, of Elstree, maltman, Phillipp Cockdall, of the same, mealman, and John Meade, of Watford, mealman, are presented for a similar offence, in respect of grain.

29. Presentment of William Wright, of Little Hadham, for ploughing up part of a common church footpath in a common field in Little Hadham, called Taskefeild, which path is the common path from Little Hadham church to Berry Green

in Little Hadham, and also for ploughing up part of another church path in the same field, which path leads from Round Grooe (?) there to the said parish church of Little Hadham.

30. 20 November. Deposition of William Pedley, constable of Amwell, that the parishioners of Amwell being at church. making a rate, William Curtys took the rate and winding it up together put it into his pocket; and upon deponent being sent to recover it, Curtys struck him and "did very much abuse him in words, calling him 'goose the constable' and divers other names."

Thomas Jans also deposes that he was called upon to aid Pedley, who charged Curtys to give him the rate again and laid hold of his bill, whereupon Curtys "did strike up Pedley's heels twice and did chuck him under the chin and called him 'goosecappe the constable' and, fool."

32. Examination of Henry Medcalfe, of "St. Guyles, his parishe, without Creplegate," London, gent., who says that Sir Thomas Ellis came to him near the White Horse in Hoddesdon and invited him to his house to drink with two of his friends, and took him to a chamber, where one was in bed and the other "drinking of tobaccoe." And then Sir Thomas Ellis persuaded him to play at cards for wine, which he refused to do, saying he had no money, but the others forced him, and when he had won, Sir Thomas said that Medcalfe should nevertheless pay for the wine. Medcalfe told Sir Thomas he would pay it to his father-in-law, if he would trust him. After this Ellis forced him to play for a dish of steaks, and though examinant won they wanted him to pay all the same, and upon his refusal they locked the chamber door and took a blanket from the bed in order to toss him unless he would leave some of his rings in pawn for the reckoning. They then tossed him twice in the blanket, and Sir Thomas kneeling upon his breast forcibly took a ring from his little finger. After this they tossed him a third time, and Sir Thomas said he should have that for speaking hard against him for marrying his wife. And further examinant says that Thomas Barley, John Barnishe, and John Clepbourne assisted Sir Thomas to toss him.

33. Examination of Richard Barnett, of Chesthunt, bailiff, who says that on 26 November, in the streets at Waltham Cross, John Bevis, of the same town, brewer, violently assaulted him.

38. Presentment of William Bayford, of Hunsdon, husbandman, for carrying a "piece," not having lands, tenements, fees, annuities or office in his own right, nor in right of his wife, of the yearly value of £100.

39. Presentment that Susan, Lady Foster, of Hunsdon, had not repaired to her parish church, or any other usual place of common prayer, for the space of six months, and had not received the Sacrament there during the same period.

40. Presentment of Thomas Foster, of Hunsdon, esquire, on a similar charge.

46. Recognizance of Robert Harding, to appear and answer for leaving the service of Sir John Luke, being hired with him for a year as a servant in husbandry, and for refusing to do the service allotted to him.

47. Recognizance of Frauncis Cumes and Richard Puddifatt, to give evidence against Elkana Settle, for the chasing and taking of conies in enclosed ground belonging to Francis Coomes in Hemel Hempstead.

65. Recognizance of Thomas North and Elline, his wife, to appear and answer for their ill usage of a poor bastard child, which they had agreed with the town of Astone to keep for £7, by burning his mouth and lips and divers other places of his body with a candle.

70. Order that Alice Usher, a single woman, late of Cheshunt, who was found wandering in the country, having been delivered of a child shall be sent back to Cheshunt with her child, there to be provided for until the reputed father be made responsible for the support of the child.

Note [on the dorse] That ——— Cockerell, of Cheshunt, is accounted to be the father of the child.

71. 8 January. Order that William Pearman, of Whaddon, co. Bucks, now in [Hertford] gaol, is to be delivered and sent with a pass to Whaddon.

72. Order that Raphe Elsmith shall succeed to the pension lately received by Thomas Amory deceased, the first payment of which shall be divided between the widow of the late holder and the said Raphe.

73. Letter from Francis Bacon, when Lord Chancellor, to the justices of the peace for Hertfordshire:—After "very hearty comendacons," the letter proceeds: "Whereas there is an excellent worke of his Majestey's, intituled 'The Peacemaker, or Great Bryttayne's Blessinge,' lately come forth, I have thought good by theis my letters to pray you to give speciall charge within your severall divisions for takinge upp and buying of the same bookes, being so very necessary and useful for persons of all condicions. Wherein, not doubtinge of your best care and furtherance, I bidd you heartily farewell.—From York House, this second of November, 1620.

"Your very loveing freind,
(Signed) Fr. Verulam, Canc."

75. List of badgers [*i.e.* pedlars] and higglers.

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9. Indictment of Alexander Tapsee, late of Northall, warriner, and Robert Levell, late of the same place, warriner, for entering the warren of William Earl of Salisbury, at Hatfield, with a hunting dog, a ferret and a haynet [*tendecula*] for the purposes of taking rabbits.

10. Indictment of John Devell, of Burnt Pelham, labourer, for stealing a sheet, value 6d., the property of Samuel Dares, of Great Amwell.

11. Presentments of the jury of the Hundred of Dacorum, the half hundred of Hitchin, at the Sessions held at Hartford, 30th September.

Henry Pratt, of Little Gaddesden, carpenter, John Settell, and Margarie his wife, "spynster," of Hemel Hempstede; William Wells, of Great Gaddesden, yeoman; John Geffrey, of the same, wheelwright, for having absented themselves from their respective parish churches.

Edward Lawrence, of Wigginton, for continuing a tent or cottage without the statutory 4 acres of land to be occupied therewith. William Lane, of Walsworth, in the parish of Hitchin, and William Crawley, of Offley, gent., for harbouring rogues and vagabonds.

12. Presentment of the Hundreds of Hertford and Brafing, at the General Session held at Hertford, 30 December.

Robert Younge, of Chesthunt, silk weaver, for harbouring divers rogues, vagabonds, and wandering persons in his outhouses.

13. Presentment of Henry Thorogood, of Baldocke, yeoman, for not scouring a ditch adjoining the highway from Baldock to Bickleworth, the said ditch having been scoured, for time immemorial, by him or those whose estate he has.

Presentment of Robert Bedwell and Richard Weend, yeoman, of Stevenage, for ploughing up balk ends in a field there called Needle Field, which balks belonged to the ground of George Wilsheere and Robart Lowell of the same town.

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14. Presentments of the grand jury :—

"We find the best price of oats in our markets to be at 1s. 6d. the bushell, therefore in our discretion we think fit they shall sell them in the inns for 20 pence the bushel."

We find that by the present plenty of hay, the innkeepers may afford to take for every horse 6d. day and night, and 4d. the night, and so shall take and no more.

Also we present that no brewer shall sell any beer above the rate of 8s. the barrel the best, and 6s. the other.

Thomas Nutting, constable, of Baldocke, for not setting the watch according to the statute, and for suffering divers rogues and vagabonds whom he saw wandering in Baldock, to go unpunished.

15. Deposition of Ambrose Piggott, of Hatfield New Park, yeoman, that on 27 August, about 4 in the morning he saw four men, two of whom were servants of John Berry, of Northawe Warren, making a pitch with a long "heynett" in his

park. They ran away and he followed them by the track of their feet to Mr. Berry's house. Deponent thinks that they had their master's mastiff dog with him, and that they left behind them two ferrets, which he afterwards found in the said park.

18. Petition of the inhabitants of Walkerne, setting forth that John Wright, with his wife and children, about five ago, left that town for Hadley, co. Middlesex, where they lived in good sort and fashion, having taken with them over 100 marks; but after John Wright's death the inhabitants of Hadley (fearing that his widow would hardly support her future charge) not only expelled her from her house but without any warrant or order, sent her with her children and household stuff, about last harvest time, to Walkerne. That town being much oppressed by poverty they pray for such legal assistance as the law provides in such a case. The justices are of opinion that she should be sent back again by warrant under the hands of two justices.

19. Petition of Daniel Stamer, carpenter, setting forth that about 17 or 18 February, 1621, a bay of the old Towne House in Kympton, in which there were 4 or 5 householders, fell down, and the rest of the house being rotten and ready to fall the poor occupants were taken forth and harbored with neighbours until they could be provided for. On the 27 February following a vestry meeting was held, when petitioner was appointed to set up a house for the harbouring of the poor of four poor households, and to find all manner of stuff needed to finish the house, with all work fit for the poor to dwell in. He was to receive £20 for the work, which was finished by 22 June, 1622; but he cannot get payment as the overseers, formerly appointed to gather the money by a rate which was made at the time, are gone, and the new overseers will not take any course to collect the rate as many persons refuse to contribute, and those who commenced to do so will not continue to do whilst others are in arrear. Order made that the "next" justices shall bind over to the next sessions John Chakele and William Davy, the new overseers of the parish of Kimpton, if they do not speedily settle the carpenter's account.

20. Petition of Edmunde Hopkins, of Ware, an aged man, sometime a soldier in the service of Queen Elizabeth, when he received many and sundry great wounds, and is now grown into want. Prays for a pension.

Order made for petitioner to have the next reversion not already granted.

21. Letter of William Denyson to the Justices. He desires to resign his office of master of the "Correction House" at Bishop's Stortford, and proposes Mathew Barnes as his successor.

22. 28 September. Memorial, subscribed by 23 parishioners of Bishop's Stortford, recommending Mathew Barnes "an honest poor man and well deserving soldier of the town" as a fit man to be governor of the House of Correction there.

23. Petition of the inhabitants of the Hundreds of Odsey and Edwynstrey, setting forth that an order was lately made touching his majestie's carriages, whereby the said hundreds were allotted to serve all the carriages going from Royston to this county, and that they should be paid at the rate of tenpence per mile. They have done the service but cannot get payment from the receiver appointed. They pray for payment of arrears and a guarantee for future settlements.

42. Recognizance of Henry Sawser, of Hempsted, victualer, for the proper of conduct his alehouse. The conditions of the licence are set forth.

46. Recognizance of Silvester Cutler, of Tring, glover, John Ovyatt, of the same, yeoman, and John Foster, of the same, for the said Cutler to appear and answer a charge of having gotten a widow with child.

57. Letter from Jo[hn Williams], Bishop of Lincoln, to the Earl of Salisbury, and other justices of the peace, dated "Westminster Colledge," 21 September, 1622.

"After my very harty commendacions unto you. Reconsideringe that Allmighty God, who when he had but two in all the world to serve him planted them a garden to keepe them [from ?] idlenes, and haveing afterwardes appropriated unto

himself a whole common-wealth, did enact that law in ye 15th of Dueteronomie, *Mendicus non erit inter vos* agaynst begging and lazines, and that the common and statute lawes of this kingdome (being either of them excerpcions out of the law of God) the one by creation of tenures and services, the other by soe many peremptorie edicts doe utterly condemne and extirpate beggars, rogues, vagabonds, Ægiptians, and such lazie and unprofitable members of the common-wealth; His Majestie is justly offended at you, who being entrusted with the care and execucion of the statutes do suffer your countrey notwithstanding to swarme with whole troupes of rogues, beggars, Ægiptians, and idle persons, to ye exceeding great damage of many of his majestie's poorer subjects, and the deepe aspercion of the present government. These are therefore strictly to require you, and every one of you, forthwith, upon the receipt hereof, to put these lawes for ye punnishing, imploying, chasetising, and rooting out of these idle people (sumptomes of Popery and blynde superstition) in dilligent practice and execucion, taking no longer time of deliberacion then this your next ensuing quarter sessions.

"Alsoe whereas these last yeares have yielded aboundance of grasse, and hay, and corne, and cattell have been very cheape in marketts, yet hath the hay and oats in innes and hostleries, the flesh in the shambles of townes and cittyes, and ye bread with the bakers every where borne such excessive and intollerable prices, that people could take noe knowledge of the blessings of God, nor lift up their hands to prayse him for the same, His Majestie's pleasure is, that according to ye statutes provided in this behalfe; according to your oathes and duties, you doe forthwith reforme the severall exorbitaunces, by apportioninge such reasonable rates on all these particulars, as in equity and conscience shalbe found fittinge, especially in those townes and villages within your countie, where his majestie's servants and retinue are inforced by their attendance upon the court to lodg and sojourne.

"And because an accompt is expected of this your service, you shall enjoyne your conestables to present at every Quarter Sessions all those former troupings of rogues and

vagabonds and all excessive prices of hay and oates in ostleries, of flesh and bread in towns and villages, together with the names of the next adjoining Justices by whose carelessnes and connivance those abuses are suffered. That beinge returned unto mee by the Custos Rotulorum or his deputy, I may leave them out of the Commission and supply those parts with more serviceable gentlemen.

"And not doubting of your care and dilligence herein as a matter soe earnestly recommended by his Majesty, I leave you for this time in God's best protecion, and doe reste."

58. 30 September. Order, on the information of Richard Hayward, now constable of Bigrave, that whereas two several sums of 6s. 8d. were estreated into the Exchequer for the non-appearance of the inhabitants of Bigrave and Radwell at the sessions on two occasions, which several sums were levied by Mr. Waller, late sheriff of the county, upon the goods of the said Richard Hayward, the said inhabitants shall contribute towards the payment of the said sums.

59. 30 September. Lists of badgers and higglers.

61. 30 September. Order, that for the better clearing the county of rogues, a marshall shall be provided who shall have authority to punish and chase away all rogues and vagrant persons, to supervise the constables of every town, and to punish such as shall be negligent in their duties in this respect. He shall also personally visit every hundred of the county with especial regard to the oute borders and streets for the exclusion of rogues from the county, principally about Theobalds and Cheshunt, where the King mostly resides.

It is also ordered that all the Justices of the Peace shall henceforth observe their meetings between every session, twice at the least, and as often as necessary, and conduct searches and examine and punish the constables according to the statute of 7 James I. Also that the constables of every town and hamlet shall, at the charge of the parish, have watching in the night and warding in the day for the apprehension of all such rogues and vagrants.

It is also ordered that all such persons as shall harbour such

rogues and vagabonds shall be prosecuted, and that the justices shall overlook the prices of victuals and horsemeat in inns, alehouses, and hostelries, and present all offenders at the sessions. And also that copies of these orders be sent to the High Constables for distribution, and to publish the same both by their directions to the petty constables and in the markets adjoining.

John Curtis is appointed marshal by the consent of William, Earl of Salisbury, at a wage of 100 marks yearly.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS—1625.

185. Information against Oliver Sell, of Ashwell, chandler, for exercising the trade of a woollen draper, without having been been apprenticed seven years.

[There are many other informations against various persons for exercising trades to which they had not been apprenticed.]

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5. Indictment of George Bayly, late of Standon, gent., John Setle, of Hemelhempsted, barber, and Edward Field, late of Lillie, yeoman, for not attending church.

6. Indictment of Thomas Clarke, late of Broxborne, for damming up a water course at Broxbourne, and thereby flooding about 4 acres of meadow in the tenure of William Angell.

7. Indictment of William Waters, late of Sandon, for stealing some money, a shirt value 2 shillings, 3 plain bands value 1s. 6d., and a handkerchief value 12d., the property of John Duke, at Sandon. Indictment, also, of Richard Haywarde, husbandman, then constable of Bigrave, for delay in publishing the hue and cry.

8. 31 March. Examination of Thomas Phippes, who says that he and Nickolas Hilton took from a hedge beyond Burndwood, in co. Essex, 2 pairs of sheets, 3 shirts and 1 smock, which they brought to Ware, and there sold them at the sign of the "Leabord's (*sic*) Head" to the woman of the house, who carried the finest of them to a certain brewer, and told

them that if they could get any more fine linen she would buy it of them. They afterwards brought her more goods, and the deponent further says that this woman bought of a hat dresser who was afterwards hanged out of Newgate, 8 great platters, stolen from Widford [?] which she buried in the kitchen behind the door, and a flitch of bacon which she buried in a cloth under the buttery stairs, and the same man lay in her house for two weeks. Examinant says that Margret Wilton, wife of Nicholas Wilton, urged him to break into a house, in Essex, near Rayden, but he told her to do it herself; and that she sold at "Wards Mylles" at the White Horse, a cloak he had of her husband. Further he says, that there is at the "Lepords Head" a "privye place" for hiding stolen goods and suspicious [suspected] persons, and she [*i.e.* the landlady], says that at the press for soldiers she hid five men from the constables, and that she can convey any man from chamber to chamber into the back side. She has an engraved cup which she had of a traveller. There is not such a house for the purpose within a hundred miles.

9. Petition of Richard Bennett, keeper of the House of Correction at Hatfield, praying to be relieved of the charge of Richard Shaw, William Morgan, John Barker, and Robert Belcher, who were sent to him by warrant from the Judge of Assize, to remain until they should be sent beyond the seas, to be employed in foreign service. Most of the time they have been very sick, and the petitioner fears their disease to be infectious.

12. Petition of George Day and others, inhabitants and parishioners of Clavering, setting forth that William Rowley, son of John Rowley, of Brent Pelham, yeoman, had married Thomasen Day, of Clavering, who had £200 as a marriage portion. After living in good credit in Clavering for many years, the said William was imprisoned for debt, his house distrained upon, and his wife and seven young children ousted. They have no means of subsistence beyond seven shillings weekly voluntarily subscribed for them. The parish is so overcharged with poor people, that relieving them is a

heavy burden. Petitioners prey for a warrant for John Rowley, whose estate is worth £5000 to show cause why he should not contribute to the support of the said Thomasen Rowley and her children.

29. 16 April. Order at the General Sessions at Hertford. That whereas differences had arisen touching the town rates of Welwyn, Docter Mountford and Mr. Beckingham Botoler were selected as arbitrators, and they, by writing dated 21 July, set forth that they thought the owners and occupiers of land in Welwyn should furnish a survey of their lands under the hand of a credible surveyor, and ordered that the rates for carriage of coal, wheat, and such like, should be provided by a general land rate, and all the other rates by a common rate. The Court ratifies the above finding, unless cause be shown to the contrary at next sessions, and orders the present rating to continue in force meanwhile.

34. List of names of the Bailiffs of several Hundreds.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS—1626-1637.

187. July 19, 1626. Information against Nicholas King, otherwise Prince, of Langley, yeoman, for engrossing corn at Langley. [There are many other similar informations at this time].

219. January 12, 1634-5. Information against Nicholas Botterell, of Great Munden, tailor, for exercising the art or mystery of a barber-surgeon, without being apprenticed seven years. See also No. 215.

437. 12th January, 1634-5. Certificate by William Vernon, that Mark Norris was seen at his parish church of Hertingfordbury, on the two Sundays previous to the above date.

1. April 17, 1637. Order at Quarter Sessions. Sir Thomas Jennins and Sir Thomas Pope Blunt, two of the committee to whom the business in difference touching rates at North Mymms, was lately referred, having made their report to the Bench this Session, it is thereupon ordered that henceforth Thomas Pursey be rated at and pay for Gubbin's Farm in every rate for the poor, twice as much as John Roberts for Waterford Farm.

16. Notes concerning the uncharitable demeanour and answers of George Eliot, senior, of Hunsden, the year before the setting up of the house of the poor. He and his son forcibly broke into the house of Reinold Fauner, his tenant, and took away some of Fauner's goods for rent alleged to be due. Through mediation of friends Fauner refrained from prosecuting him, but shortly afterwards Eliot ejected him, and being forced to lie in the highway he died there.

Oakeman, with his wife and child being ill with smallpox, Henry Grene, constable, went to George Eliot to inform him, and also told him that somebody should be appointed to look to the sick persons, whereupon he answered, "Let them lye and hang and rot, I care not."

Notes follow concerning Eliot's opposition, in 1639, to the erection, at the parishioners' charge, of a poor house on a piece of waste land given to the parish of Hunsden by Henry, Earl of Dover, for the purpose, the poor having been previously housed in private houses.

22. Indictment of William Boreham, late of Hodsdon, in the parish of Broxbourne, yeoman, for enclosing with poles and pales a well lying on the highway leading from Hodsdon to Hertford.

31. Indictment of John Grigge, of Flamsted, yeoman, William Welles, John Jeffery, and Robert Pacy, all of Great Gadsdon, yeomen, and Martha Partridge, of Bovingdon, widow, for not attending church.

32. Indictment of James Carter, of High Barnett, yeoman, for buying up, at Watford, twenty pounds of butter, value six shillings, and ten pigs, value thirty shillings, with the intention of re-selling the same.

33. Indictment of Edward Michell, late of Hemel Hempstead, yeoman, for a similar offence in respect of sixty pounds of butter, value fourpence per pound, and six capons, value nine shillings.

35. Presentment that a common footbridge in the highway in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from Turnford in Cheshunt to

"Theoballdes," is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

36. Presentment that a certain common footbridge, in the parish of Bishops Hatfield, leading from a place there called Westhide to the parish church of Hatfield, is in great decay, and that Robert Huntsman, of Hatfield, miller, and all those whose estate he has in a mill there called Fordmill, ought to repair the same.

38. Presentment of Henry Parker, of Great Amwell, yeoman, for not cutting the hedges and trees on the church path in Amwell leading from Hartford Heathe to Amwell church.

40. Presentment of Thomas Cripps, of Hatfield, yeoman, for building a cottage there, without laying to the same four acres of land according to the statute.

44. Presentment of Nicholas Russell, the wife of Thomas Waterton, and Robert Arundell, for erecting cottages upon the lord's waste [locality not stated]; at the suit of the parishioners these cottages are allowed by Mr. Coningsby, lord of the manor.

45. Presentment of persons for neglect of service to the amendment of the highways, made by Robert Sparks and Richard Sompner, surveyors of the highways for the parish of Sabridgeworth:—Thomas Stacy and Henry Stacy, for cart service; Adam Trigge, labourer.

52. Petition of Charles Kinge, shewing that in 10 Charles I. he was, as a poor boy of Braughing, bound apprentice by the overseers of the poor of that place to one John Sherewood, of Braughing, brickmaker, "until his age of 24." His master has fallen since into great want, and now lies a prisoner in the Poultry Counter, London; petitioner has no place of habitation, and cannot obtain employment by reason of the said John Sherewood's threatening speeches, that he will have the penalty of the law of all such as employ petitioner.

63. Petition of the inhabitants of Bengeo, shewing that, about a year since a farm called the Temple, in the said parish, was rated to the constable's rate 27s. 6d., which rate is not paid, George Bromley, gent., John Carpenter or John Field, or

one of them, were then tenants of the farm; Carpenter has since left the parish; Thomas Crouche, then constable, rated the sum upon the said Carpenter. Petitioners pray an order as to where the sum shall be charged.

64. Certificate of the inhabitants of Barley that the ditch of Daniel Smith and Robert Carter in the said town, has been scoured in accordance with an order of the Court of Sessions. Signed by John Patten, William Hake, Andrew Hawke, Cudberd Kidd, Richard Kinge, junior, William Kinge, and the mark of Richard Kinge, senior.

65. List of high constables in the county of Hertford:—George Hoye, gent., and Andrew Cater, gent., Braughing; John Jarsey, gent., and John Catlyn, gent., Hertford; Francis Rowley, gent, and Daniel Fuller, gent., Edwinstrey; Robert Rumbold, gent., and William Sell, gent., Odsey; William Thebridge, gent., Edmund Bache, gent., and John Nodes, gent., Bradwater; Simon Lucas, gent., and Thomas Bigg, gent., Hitchin: Edward Grunwyn, gent., and Richard Dagnall, gent., Dacorum; John Godfrey, gent., William Smith, gent., and Thomas Day, gent., Cashoe.

66. Names of the bailiffs of the Liberties and Hundreds of county of Hertford:—Anthony Rogers, gent., the liberty of the Bishop of London; Robert Hodgkyn, the liberty of the Dean of St. Paul; Michael Hardinge, the Queen's liberty; Richard Story, Ware; Richard Barnard, Cheshunt; Henry Ladd, Hertford and Braughing; Richard Storey and Robert Howe, the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster; John Grave, gent., and Laurence Hoare, Bradwater; George Church, Edwinstrey; William Ashbie, Odsey; Richard Cocke, Dacorum; John Muncke, Hitchin.

77. Writ to the constables and headboroughs of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, for the attachment of John Warde, of Hoddesdon, miller, for grinding on Sundays at his mill at Broxbourne.

78. Examination of George Mose, as to defacing of the chancel of Great Hadham Church by Richard Mose, Mathew Osborne, and George Thorowgood; they "beat down" the glass window at

the east end, pulled up and destroyed the rails round the communion-table. George Rut, of Nobnall [Nokerall] Green, John Skingle, of Much Hadham, and Thomas Pomfret urged them to this sacrilege.

82. Examination of Richard Moze, of Much Hadham, blacksmith, in the same matter. Says he was promised money by George Rutt, of Noknall Green, and by Thomas Pomfrett, to break down the said rails and glass windows. On the Sunday before the destruction John Skingle told examinant that he did not like the rails nor the pictures in the window, and promised money to take them down.

83. Examination of George Thurgood in the same matter.

87. Indictment of Henry Brown, late of the parish of All Saints, in Hertford, for not attending church, and for not receiving the Sacrament.

92. Indictment of William Welles, late of Great Gadsdon, yeoman, and John Jeffery, late of the same, yeoman, and Joan. his wife, for not attending church.

93. Indictment of Edward Field, late of Lillye, yeoman, and Mary, his wife, and Alice Crawley, late of Lillye, widow, for not attending church.

94. Indictment of John Cadie, late of Aston, gent., for not attending church.

95. Presentment that a path called the church way, in Thundridge, leading from the houses of Robert Coxe and other parishioners to the parish church, there is in great decay, on account of which it is impassible to the further end of the land of Robert Bennett, lying by the river, and that the said Robert Bennett ought to repair the same.

96. Indictment of Christopher Taber, late of Harlowe, in co. Essex, collarmaker, for practising the art, mystery, or occupation of a saddlemaker without having been apprenticed to that art for seven years.

97 & 108. Presentment of Isaac Fuller, late of Ware, maltster, far keeping and using an illicit measure, to wit, a bushel, contrary to the assize.

99. Indictment of Andrew Carter, late of Thorley, for placing five loads of dung near the river Spellbroke at Sawbridgeworth, so that the said river was polluted.

102. Indictment of Robert Welles, late of Hatfield, shepherd, Simon Faiercloth, late of Hatfield, tailor, and Marmaduke Johnson, late of Hatfield, tailor, for forcibly entering the Howse Park, or Innynges Parke, at Hatfield, belonging to William, Earl of Salisbury, with dogs, ferrets, purse-nets and hay-nets, and taking therefrom four conies value 3s.

106. Presentment of Thomas Younge, for "swearing twenty several oaths whereby he profaned the name of God."

116. Recognizance of John Camfield, of Market Street, brewer, and Edward Christmas, innkeeper, of Whethamsted, and George Neale of the same, mercer.

The condition of which is that "whereas John Camfield is allowed to keep a common alehouse or tippling house, called the sign of the Rose, situate in Market Street, and not elsewhere, if therefore during such time as he shall keep such common alehouse, he shall not suffer any unlawful play at the tables, dice, cards, or other unlawful games, to be used in his said house or lands, especially by men servants or apprentices, common laborers, or idle persons, nor dress any flesh or suffer the same to be dressed and eaten on any day forbidden by the laws of England, nor wittingly admit or receive into his house or any part thereof anybody notoriously defamed of, or for theft, incontinence, or drunkenness, or anybody who shall be beforehand notified to him by the constable of the town and parish aforesaid, or by his deputy as an unmeet person to be received into a common alehouse, nor shall keep there any strange person above the space of one day and one night together, without notice thereof being first given to the constable, and if the said John Camfield shall keep good order and rule in the said house, then this present recognizance shall be void."

131. Petition of Symon Batts, Gilles Pierre, Marke Puddevatt, John Rolfe, Edward Paine, and Peter Curtise, of the parish

of Hemelhemsted, to the Earl of Bridgewater, Lord President of Wales, setting forth that whereas the petitioners are justly accused of fishing in his waters, in the parish of Hemelhemsted, they pray to be pardoned, it being their first offence. Addition by the Earl of Bridgewater, that he will pardon two of the offenders, they having come to him in person, but that he leaves the others, who say that they will neither petition nor appear at the Sessions, to the discretion of the Justices.

132. Petition of William Carter, of Hatfield, to "Sir Henry Vaine, kt., Tresorer of his Majestie's most honourable howsehold, Sir Thomas Jermin, kt., Mr. Controlor of the same, and the rest the Right worshippful the officers of the greene Cloathe." Petitioner sets forth that whereas he is possessed of a messuage in Hatfield, and of lands thereto belonging, lying partly in the parish of Hatfield, and partly in the parish of North Myms, he has always heretofore been assessed in Hatfield, in which parish his house is situated. Yet of late the constable of Northmyms has assessed him for veal, lamb, and bacon, in Northmyms, he already being assessed and having paid in respect of the land in Hatfield. Prays that the matter may be referred to the Justices of the Peace for their opinion thereon.

Endorsed with order to Justices to review the matter.

134. Order upon the complaint of the constable and overseers of the poor of the town and parish of Hitchin. States that Elizabeth Enersley had given birth to a bastard male child, which will be chargeable to the said parish, and directs that she shall keep and nurse the said child for three years from the time of the birth, and that Thomas Kitchin, the younger, of Watton, yeoman, the father of the said child, shall pay to the overseers of the poor of Hitchin for the time being the sum of sixteen pence weekly towards its maintenance. From the time the child is three till it be ten, Thomas Kitchin shall pay twenty pence weekly, and the said Elizabeth shall find and provide the said child with necessary clothing. At the age of ten years the child shall be apprenticed, Thomas Kitchin paying [*torn*] marks and the

said Elizabeth paying thirteen shillings and fourpence, to the overseers for the purpose. Furthermore the said Thomas Kitchin shall be bound in a sum of thirty pounds for the due performance of this order.

138. List of bailiffs.

141. 21 September. Christ Church, Cambridge. Letter from Thomas Paske to Sir John Watts, knight, and Arthur Capell, referring to "that barbarous and most impious fact lately committed in my church of Much Haddham. He has discovered the actors and abettors and entreats that, if they will willingly repair the breaches they made and set them in their former state, all further proceedings against them may be suspended." Mr. Large, his curate there, is the bearer of the letter.

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158. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Standon, leading from Stortford, a market town, to Buntingford, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Stondon ought, and time out of mind have used, to repair the same.

159. Presentment of "Annes" Nashe, of Welling parish, for selling beer by small jugs at Woolmer Grene, and for "laying her doung" in the highway leading from Stevenage to London.

Presentment of Edward Craft, of Welling parish, for an offence similar to last-mentioned, and of Robert Same, of Yardly, victualler, for keeping ill rule in his house on Easter Sunday and Monday, and at other times.

161. Presentment of George Bayly, gent., for not attending Divine service (also 162).

163 to 166. Lists of jurors.

174. 10 July. Petition of the inhabitants of Braughin. They allege that the town is much impoverished and disordered through the multitude of "non-necessary alehouses and drawers of beer," and they conceive that three alehouse-keepers will be sufficient. They therefore pray that Edward Tubman, John Sheepheard, and Ann Pearepoynt, widow, may be continued, and that the other five, viz., Thomas

Wootton, Margaret Dellowe, widow, Thomas Haynes, and Mary Osborne, widow, and Mary Baily, widow, may be suppressed.

176. Petition of the overseers of the poor of Stockinge Pelham, and other inhabitants thereof, showing that at Lady Day last, Johane Thorowgood was hired for a year by Thomas Duckett, of Alberie, gent., for forty shillings per annum. He has received twenty shillings in part payment thereof, but after entering Mr. Duckett's service she confessed to being with child by John Dyxon, in the same service, and thereupon her master discharged her. She was accordingly forced to return to her father's house at Stocking Pelham. Her father is a very poor man who receives alms from the parish, and petitioners pray for an order that she may be sent to Mr. Duckett's house, there to remain and be maintained for the whole term of hire.

178. Certificate of Richard Manley, Ro. Fenn, and Hum. Browne, that Edward Seare, yeoman, purveyor, for poultry, has on behalf the "country" delivered into the office of his majesty's Poultry at the Court, all such sorts and kinds of poultry as by composition were due to the King out of the county of Hertford for the year (ending in September, 1641). Such poultry was all good and serviceable.

180. Certificate of the surveyors of highways and other inhabitants of Gravely cum Chisfeild, that the highway lying between Steevenig and Much Wimly, and the parish of Gravely is repaired.

181. Certificate of Sampson Higby and Thomas Stoakes, that John Ellis, of Hertford, has repaired a foot bridge between a close called Danyell's close, and a field in Hertford called Churchfield.

183. List of Chief Constables.

184. Petition of the inhabitants of Sabridgeworth, setting forth that divers greivances and vexations have continuously arisen about the manner of rating. They pray that the justices should prescribe how rates should be made, and whether the parsonage, being of the value of £500 per annum, should

not be rated equally with other farms for the poor and all other rates.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS—1641-1642.

405 & 406. 1641-1642. Accounts of pensions paid to various persons (named) and of payments to travelling soldiers and mariners, &c.

242. April 10, 1642. Presentment of Edward Smith, of Hodsdon, for not laying a bridge over Saffin ground in the parish of Broxbourne, whereby persons cannot easily pass to the market.

Presentment of William Bur, of Brafing, for not maintaining a bridge called "Shipes Bredg" in Braughing, leading from High Street to Braffing Church; and of John Cooke, the younger, for refusing to sell a quart of beer for a penny.

Presentment also that the hither part of Smalling Bridge which lies in Hertfordshire, in the parish of Cheshunt, being a cartway bridge, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same; and that Ford bridge, in the parish of Braughing, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same.

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14. Information of Nathaniel Hobbs, of Hitchin, mercer, that he had a piece of stuff called "per petuana," measuring 24 yards lying upon the bulke of his shop, which piece of stuff, Katherine Picks, now wife of William Picks, late of Baldock, tailor, saw a man secret under his "sinamon" coloured coat; and upon being informed by her, examinant pursued the man, and having caught him about half a mile from Hitchin, caused the constable to apprehend him. *Vide* No. 54.

16. Examination of Matthew Johnson, of Burntwood, co. Essex, hosier. He went to Hitchin to meet his father, and brought there a pennyworth of "points," etc.

18. Examination of John Pickett, that he heard John Atkinson say that Thomas Sherman had taken two stone of beef out of the powdring tub at Mr. Dewhursts' at Chesthunt Nunnery.

20. Information of John Ladd, taken before Patrick, Earl of "Tullybardy," Edward Atkyns, serjeant at law, and Thomas Taoke, justices of the peace, that about daybreak on 15 September, being near the wall of Theobaldes Park, he heard a "piece" go off within the park, and afterwards met Thomas Smith, servant to Mr. Malthus, who told him that he had shot at the herd and "broken the hayre off a deere," and further that he had heard William Hassard say, that Thomas Smith told him he had killed a stag with his master's (Malthus') stalking horse. He further deposes that Smith had told him he had shot at a red deer with a single bullet, and that the deer fell down but had got away again.

21. Misdemeanors committed by Robert Smyth against his father, Daniel Smyth. Firstly, that he took out a writ against him and himself arrested him, and with the help of Richard Awstin, beat him, jumped upon his breast, and left him for dead, and then carried him to Lades, the bailiff, who kept him in prison under lock and key, refusing him bail.

That he called his father, rogue, rascal, thief, knave, and says that if he can learn when his father dies he will borrow a pair of prisers, and with them he will open his father's mouth and put 5s. therein, and send it and him to the devil in hell, and also says that he will buy two pennyworth of cord and will hang him with it.

That he and some troopers forcibly entered his father's house in Hodsden, and broke open all the chests, trunks, hutches, wainscott, cupboards in the walls of the house, and took away the contents, and afterwards he took away all the household stuff and dug up a "coppermow" ready to be carried away, worth sixty or eighty pounds. He now threatens to pull down and sell all the wainscott, and also to cut down the turret which is built and stands on the top of the house. He has also taken away all his father's evidences, bills and bonds.

He has further assaulted his father at one time by

cutting him with a hatchet, at other times with a staff and with a javelin, and swears that he will kill him.

22. Indictment of Ralph Fitton, for breaking into the mansion of William Denyson, at Thorley, and stealing therefrom eight patens, called pewter dishes, value 20s.; one pair of flaxen sheets, value 20s.; three "flaxen pillowbeers," value 2s.; three flaxen napkins, value 2s.

23. Indictment of Edward Smyth, late of Hodsdon, for not placing a bridge over certain land in Broxborne, commonly called Laffyn ground, to the peril of those having to visit Hodsdon market.

24. Indictment of Joseph Desborawe, late of Ware, inkeeper, for selling several wines, "namely, sacke, claret, and white wine" without a licence. See also No. 63.

25. Presentment that a bridge commonly called Fordbridge, in the parish of Braughin, is very ruinous and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the whole county used and ought now to repair the same.

26. Indictment of Alice Crawley, late of Lilley, widow, and Anthony Storey and James Pope, both late of Hemelhempsted, for not attending church. See also No. 62.

27. Presentment that a certain bridge commonly called Braughin bridge, situate in Braughin, is in decay, and that the inhabitants thereof used to and still ought to repair the same.

28. Presentment that a bridge commonly called Shipps Bridge, in Braughin, leading from the High Street to the church there, is in great decay, and that William Burre, of Braughin, yeoman, ought to repair the same.

31. Presentment that a bridge commonly called "Bilford," situate in the parish of Watton, leading from [Walkern] to Hertford, is in great decay, and that the owner of the manor of "Bardoles," had from time immemorial repaired the same and should still do so. See also No. 61.

37. Presentment that a common cart bridge, partly in co. Essex, and partly in Cheshunt, co. Herts, has, from time im-

memorial, been repaired whenever necessary by the County whose part has required it; and further that that part of the bridge which lies in co. Herts, is in great decay, and should be repaired by the inhabitants of the whole county of Hertford.

39. Indictment of "Ralph Fitchjohn, gent., and Nathaniel Grubb,"* yeoman, both late of Hatfield, for being common "lodgers of rogues."

41. Indictment of Edward Parker, late of Bushey, yeoman, for having arrested Jeremiah Maude, of Bushey, yeoman, in the parish church there, by virtue of a warrant directed to him by Arthur Putter, sheriff, to the great disturbance of the congregation.

42. Presentment that a common "viculus," called Smallcase Lane, in the parish of Westmyll, leading from Much Munden towards Braughin, is very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of Westmill have been accustomed to repair the same, and should still do so as often as necessary. See No. 64.

43. Presentment that the highway, in the parish of Hartingfordbury, adjoining Poplar's Bridge, leading from Hertford to Wellwyn is very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of Hartingfordbury have used and should still repair the same. See No. 65.

44. Presentment that a common bridge called Ford Bridge, in the highway in the parish of Braughin is very ruinous and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the Hundred of Braughing were accustomed, from time immemorial, to repair the said bridge and should still do so. See also No. 64.

45. Indictment of William Etheridge, late of Layston, yeoman, for setting up a cottage at Buntingford, in the parish of Layston, without laying four acres of freehold land to the same.

46. Presentment that a highway, lying in the several parishes of Buckland, Tharfield, and Reede, leading from Buntingford

*In No. 61, the names appear as Ralph Fitch, John Gent, and Nathaniel Grubb.

towards Royston is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the several parishes of Buckland, Tharfield, and Reede, had hitherto repaired the said highway, and should still do so. See No. 65.

47. Indictment of Thomas Kilbarn, late of Sandon, yeoman, Francis Kilat, Richard Day, Thomas Wood, Edward Bardott, and John Borton, all of Sandon, laborers, for breaking into a close called Eyfield, belonging to James Weedon, of Sandon, yeoman, and filling up a pond in or near the same.

49. Indictment of William Springe, late of Ware, brewer, for serving John Hills, of Ware, an unlicensed alehouse-keeper, with two eighteen-gallon casks of beer. See No. 65.

52. Indictment of Francis Wright, late of Cottered, yeoman, for stopping-up paths there called Church path, Mill path, and Market path, in the Church croft, in the parish of Cottered. See also No. 65.

54. Indictment of John Smith and Mathew Johnson, both late of Hitchin, laborers, for stealing a piece of cloth called "perpetuany stuffe," containing 44 yards, of the value of 40s., the property of Nathaniel Hobbs. See No. 14.

61. Presentment of Ralfe Fitch, John Gente, and Nathanile Grub, yeomen, for harboring vagrant rogues in Hatfield. See No. 39.

65. Presentment of Thomas Anthony and Richard Edwards, of Layston, for that, having been elected surveyors of the highways for the parish of Layston for the current year, they now neglect to perform their said offices, whereby the highways of the said parish leading to other parishes are much decayed.

66. Presentment of John Moncke, bailiff of Hitchin half hundred ["Hitch. halfe Cth."] for taking bribes.

67. Presentment of Danyell Smyth, of Hodsdon, yeoman, for not attending church.

Presentment of Augustin Brograve, of Braughing, gent., for not doing service with his team and cart towards the mending of the highways.

Presentment of Richard Pavye, innholder, and 10 others, all of Braughing, for doing nothing towards the mending of the highway there.

92. Recognizance of Richard Hipkyns, of Chesthunt, to appear and answer for his good behaviour towards John Canne the younger, his apprentice.

97. Recognizance of John Grubb, of Northmymes, gent., and John Howe, of Ridge, yeoman, to appear and show cause why they should not serve as constables of the parish of North Mimms, having been elected by Thomas Coningsby, esq., lord of the manor.

107. October. Petition of the undermentioned persons setting forth, that having kept the parish children of Stondon, they can get no pay from the town for so doing.

William Leawis, for keeping Mary Northage for half a year, 25s.

William Wait, for keeping John Bids, 18s.

Edward Rackett, for the keeping of Elsabeth Northage and Margret Wix, 52s.

Thomas Buanson, "for half a year weekly pay, 14s.," and others.

110. Petition of William Oakes and William Almested, constables of Sabridgworth, setting forth that they have served the said office for one year and a half, no court leet having intervened whereby they might be freed thereof, and that John Waller, William Wilkinson, George Sheppard, and Clement Buck are fit men for the office. They pray that two of those named may be sworn constables. [Endorsed]. Order for Waller and Wilkinson for to be sworn in before Sir John Wattes.

111 & 112. Similar petition of William Chapman, constable, of the town end of Tharfeild, and Richard Maye and Thomas Grigg, constables, of Northmyms.

113. Petition of Andrew Wood, one of the constables of Hunsdon, setting forth that he has served the said office for upwards of 5 years, that he is a poor labouring man and a soldier under Capt. Wilde, and is so unlearned that he can neither write nor read any warrant directed to him to serve. He

therefore begs to be discharged and another who can both read and write appointed upon his nomination.

114. Petition of John Cann, of Hertford, setting forth that Richard Hipkyn, of Waltham Cross, has grievously misused, beaten, and wronged John Cann, his apprentice, petitioner's son, and that a warrant issued for the arrest of the said Richard Hipkins was not executed owing to his absence.

115. Petition of the inhabitants of "Barkhamsted Peeters," that a violent pestilential fever is raging in town. Twenty families, consisting of eighty persons, must be cared for and relieved at the parish expense. Among them are fifteen children who must be put out to nurse. Petitioners have doubled their collection but are unable to meet the increased expense. They pray for an order at quarter sessions for neighbouring towns to contribute.

126-7. Lists of chief constables.

128-9. List of bailiffs.

130. 13 April. Award of Edward Atkins and Thomas Took, justices of the peace, to whom the matter of the rating of Ware parish was referred by an order at the general sessions of 9th April, after hearing the petition of Robert Hellam, of Waters Place in Ware and others, upland inhabitants of Ware. See also No. 117.

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179. Indictment of John Collop, late of Ware, for playing cards there by night and day. See also No. 215.

186. Indictment of John Porter, late of Hodsdon, yeoman, for permitting a ditch lying towards Beggers Grove, between Hodsdon and Hertford, to be "landed up." See also No. 215.

189. Indictment of Phillip Hill, late of Little Berkhamsted, yeoman, for stopping up a common foot path in a place there called the Danes, leading from Little Barkhampsted to Hertford, and also for undermining the highway leading from Hertford to Little Barkhamsted, in a place there called Danehedge. See also No. 190.

192. Indictment of the same for erecting a cottage at Little Barkhamsted, in a place there called Waterfeildes, otherwise Watermeads, without laying thereto 4 acres of land to be occupied with the same.

195. Presentment that a highway in Buckland, leading from Buckland to Buntingford is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Buckland ought to repair the same as they have done from time immemorial. See also No. 79.

201. Presentment that a ditch in Standon upon Labden Hill there, is very ruinous and in great decay, and that Christopher Goodin, late of Standon, ought to repair the same as he has used to. See also No. 218.

203. Presentment that John Bayley, late of Hodsdon, has not maintained a footbridge leading from Hodsdon to Broxborne church. See also No. 218.

204. Presentment that a bridge commonly called Small Leybridge, lying between Waltham Cross and Waltham Abbey, part being in Hertfordshire, part in Essex, and part in Middlesex, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the whole county of Hertford ought to repair that part of the bridge in their county, as they have been accustomed to do from time immemorial. See also No. 218.

206. Presentment that a ditch in Standon, between Labden Hill and Colliers End is out of repair, and that Edward Shippham, late of Standon, labourer, and Edward Goodwin, of the same, labourer, have been accustomed to repair the same whenever necessary, and shall still do so. Certificate that the said ditch is repaired. See also Nos. 129 and 218.

207. Presentment that a bridge commonly called Forth bridge in the parish of Braughin, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the whole county ought to repair the same as they have always done. See also No. 218.

208. Presentment that a bridge, commonly called Wadesmill Bridge, at Wadesmill, in the several parishes of Standon and Thundridge, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same, as they have been accustomed to do from time immemorial as often as requisite. See also No. 220.

209. Indictment of John Pursell, of London, gent., and Brigitt, his wife, Thomas Atkins, of London, aforesaid, gent., and John Whittingstall, late of Kelsey, for forcibly entering the messuage of Richard Fordham, yeoman, at Sandon, in a place there called Gannock.

210. Indictment of Samuel Haggus, late of Chesthunt, shoemaker, for diverting a certain ancient water course in Chesthunt, commonly called "le Channel" next adjoining a messuage now in the tenure of Elizabeth Birocks, widow, in Chesthunt, to the injury of the said widow.

219. Presentment of Mary Bull, of Cottered, widow, for refusing to sell a quart of beer for a penny, "that is to say she took three halfpence for a quart." See also 194.

224-231. Lists of jurors.

234. Recognizance of Edmund Rayment, of Chesthunt, butcher, to appear and answer for killing a deer in Enfield Chase.

255. Petition of James Webbe and the wife of Will. Trimor, pensioners, that they have made several journeys from London to Hertford on their crutches, but that James is so lame that he cannot come. They pray that they may receive their pensions of 50s. each, in arrear, for their present maintenance, or a good part thereof, and that the balance be paid to Mr. Minors, schoolmaster, of Hertford.

256. Petition of John Baker, of Barley, innkeeper, setting forth that he was formerly seised in his demesne as of fee of an ancient inn there called the sign of "the Bell." About four years ago the said inn was burnt down, at a loss to petitioner of £400. He was not in a position to rebuild the inn on the same site, but having some outhouses in the same street, about a furlong away, he rebuilt the inn there, but has now been indicted by Daniel Smith, a convicted barrator, for erecting and keeping the said inn, which is still known by the sign of "the Bell," and stands very convenient for passengers.

Prays to have the indictment quashed.

262. Petition of the grand inquest for the county on behalf of themselves and the rest of the inhabitants, calling attention

to the burden of taxation both on account of the new militia, the ordinance for which was procured without their consent or knowledge, and through "free quarter." But most detrimental of all is the drawing out of the country of all our forces, not only through the unsupportable charge of maintaining them abroad, but the very want of their labour for harvesting purposes; this will utterly disable petitioners from further contributions.

264. Petition of Richard King, prisoner in the common goal, that he has been in the "loathsome dungeon" for two years falsely accused of ravishing a maid, by a man of so little credit that he was also committed to goal and bound over to give evidence, but he died in prison. As there is no accuser, no maid named in the writ, nor anyone willing to appear against him, he prays for discharge.

265. Certificate of George Notedge that he was indicted for going over a common green with his cart and digging up the church path which went over that green, but that he has now sufficiently made the path up again.

266. Certificate of Robert Saxing and Thomas Roberts that the bridge over Spittlebrook is "sufficiently done as ever it was" by Mr. Bailey.

268. Certificate of the constables, churchwardens, and surveyors that the highways of the parish of Reed are in good repair.

272. Order of the justices at general sessions upon reading the petition of the Overseers of Baldock concerning the bastard child of Isabell Horwood, whereof Robert Davies is the reputed father. Davies would have married the said Isabel shortly after the birth of the said child had not Robert Horwood, Isabell's father, "caused her to dry up her milk;" and it is ordered that the said Robert Horwood be bound over to appear at the next general sessions and answer the matter.

274-277. Nominations of constables.

278-279. List of high constables and bailiffs.

280. Opinion of Edw. Atkins that Mr. Over (?), usher and messenger of the Court of Exchequer, should be exempted from

bearing the offices of constable, overseer of the poor, and the like.

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407. April 6, 1646. Receipt by Henry Heyward, high constable of the hundred of Dacorum for the sum of £5 towards the payment of the county arrears for the prisoners in the King's Bench and Marshalsea.

438. 9 July, 1644. Letter, from Fulke Tudor, at Tewing, to Mr. Edward Hide at Hertford, requesting an order of sessions for the removal of an almshouse "which stands inconveniently" in the churchyard and is much out of repair the parishioners "having a desire to build it in a more convenient place."

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16. Information of John Gell, that, last harvest time, he heard Robert Wilson, of Ashwell, say that he had heard that the cavaliers were coming to Ashwell, and if they did it should be his work to show them the houses of the Roundheads and where to plunder.

25. Indictment of Robert Dowsett, late of Sawbridgeworth, laborer, for erecting a cottage in Chase Lane, leading from Gilston church to Great Hadham, without assigning 4 acres of freehold land thereto.

26. Presentment that the New River lying between Ware and Hertford and between Ware and Amwell is in great decay through want of repair to its banks, to the damage of the highways leading from Ware to Hertford, through the overflow of water; and that Sir William Middleton, late of Edmonton, co. Middlesex, knight, has been accustomed "for time immemorial" to repair the same and should still do so whenever necessary. See also No. 43.

27. Indictment of Antony Garret, the elder, late of Layston, yeoman, for stopping up a watercourse in Brianse Lane, at Rowdall Botome, in Aspeden. See also No. 44.

28. Presentment that certain ditches belonging to John Butler and Barnard Beck, of Wormley, lying towards the lane leading to Wormley meadow, are very ruinous and in great decay, and that the said John and Barnard ought to repair the same as they have always been accustomed to do.

29. Presentment that a certain ditch in Broxbourne lying towards Blanch Holes in the common highway leading from Hodsdon towards London, is in great decay, and that Sir Richard Lucy, knight and baronet, ought to repair the same as he has done from time immemorial. See also No. 47.

32. Indictment of Ephram Hows, late of Northchurch, yeoman, for ditching up the common way at Northchurch, leading from the Heathland in the parish of Northchurch to Millfield, to the danger of the public. See also No. 46.

35. Indictment of Andrew Brand, late of Stortford, victualler, for not lopping his trees, to the detriment of the way there leading from the common field called Broadfield to the town of Stortford.

39. Indictment of John Bere, (?) late of Chesthunt, tanner, for placing some raw calf skins in a rivulet there, called the Water Lane in Tunford in Chesthunt, thereby pol uting the water. See also No. 45.

41. Indictment of Richard Stiver, late of Tharfield, laborer, for buying 20 pounds of butter of [blank] Jawklyn, of Reedshall, in the parish of Reed, with the intention of regrating the same.

42. Presentments that the Hundreds of Edwinstrey and Odsey, lack justices of the peace; and that a treasurer for the shire is wanted, and that "a man of six pound land in the subsidy book" would be eligible.

50 & 54. Names of the Grand Jury.

91. Petition of the inhabitants of Ashwell, setting forth "that upon a former complaint made unto your worships of the great disorder and the many intollerable abuses used in our parish by people of bad life and evil behaviour, we have, upon your

worships warrant, accordingly made search at several times, and do find Robert Willson, herewithall complayned of, a fellow of an unreformed willfullness, to be a daily practiser of mischief, in cutting, spoiling, and carrying away men's grayne as itt groweth in the feildes. And the more to conceale his wicked practise hides it in his bed and elsewhere. And also one that will follow no lawful occupation but at excessive wages, who also out of a perverse humour and bold speech towards us, and our officers' protests of his own authority to keep alehouse and therein to sell ale, daring us to our faces to do our best and worst, with many uncivil slighting and insufferable speeches, too tedious and unfit herein to relate, being also ready to lay hold upon any occasion to enter into tumult and disorder, thereby to seek rapine and pillage, to the evil example of divers ill disposed people amongst us."

They pray "your worships not to omit this seasonable and just complaint, but to take such effectual order for reformation herein, as in your descreet wisdom shall be best agreeing to justice and our public good and quiet."

92. Petition of the inhabitants of Stondon as to highways. The petition states that one of the high ways there leading to Hertford being impassable, they had to buy a "new way" out of adjoining grounds at a cost of £10, which new way is now decayed. Another highway leading from Great Monden, through Stondon to Stortford market, and so into Essex, nearly three miles long, has been repaired at great great expense, the parish having been indebted for it. Their chief energies had been directed towards repairing another common highway, being a great road leading from the north parts through Stondon and so to London about 4 miles in length. Despite all efforts to keep this in good order two thirds thereof are exceedingly bad and very dangerous to travel upon by reason of the many springs of water which arise in the "swallowinge clay" and sandy places; moreover they have no stones, gravel, or other material for repairing the same. One "causy" not above 80 poles in length cost over £100 to repair, and is again decayed by

reason of the number of waggons having seven, eight, and sometimes nine horses to each of them. The petitioners pray for assistance by the taxation of heavy loads drawn by more than five horses, or by some means to be suggested by the justices.

93. Petition of Anthony Burchmore (*sic*). Has been a long time prisoner in [Hertford] gaol, and is "naked" and without "parel" for having been a long time in Aylesbury gaol his clothes were full of filth "and as good as all torn off" his his back. He had been Col. Bousstreet's (*) prisoner there until he took the covenant, when he was liberated; but "coming down this way" was brought before Sir Richard Lucy, and sent to gaol for speaking some words. Prays for release.

[Endorsed]. Petition of Anthony Burchman, (*sic*), a "cart taker" to his Majesty for many years.

94. Petition of Alice Elsam, wife of Edward Elsam, of Ware, bargeman, setting forth that she has been married to him for seventeen weeks, but he spends his nights and days tippling at alehouses and has been absent from her for the past fortnight. She is with child by him, but he says that he has three wives besides petitioner and will allow her nothing. Prays for a maintenance order against him.

96. Petition of the lord of the manor of Groves in Sawbridgeworth, the tenants of the same manor and others, that Robert Dowsett, being a very poor man with a great charge of children, who had built a cottage upon the waste soil of the said manor, and was indicted for not laying four acres of land to the same, may not be further proceeded against. *Over* 40 *signatures.*

97. Petition of about 80 of the chief inhabitants of the town of Stortford that their late constables should exhibit their accounts. *Signatures.*

100. Certificate of Richard Baker, George Clarke, and William Joyce that the high [road] leading from Much Monden towards Dane End is repaired and amended.

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*Bulstrode's (?)

104. Certificate of inhabitants of Stortford that whereas divers of our late constables, for this three or four years last past, have been accused for refusing to give up their accounts to the parish in public, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do testify on their behalf that according to the usual custom they did, on the Lord's day before, give notice and timely warning in the church that on such a day and at such an hour of that day they desired the parish to meet to take their accounts. And they all at the day and time did cause a bell to be tolled to call the parish together. And the several constables for their several years did come and brought their accounts to the church, and there they were seen and read publicly to all those which were then present at the said times to take their several accounts, and passed without any question of any then present. *Numerous signatures.*

107. Order for the keeping of a bastard in Puckeridge, in the parish of Braughing.

"Whereas it appears by the examination of Mary Quy, as also by the information upon oath of Joane Bird, midwife, and Katherin Haggs, widow, Phillip, the wife of Thomas Quy, and Sarah the wife of John Headdiball, inhabitants of Clavering, co. Essex, taken before Timothy Middleton and Edward Eltonhead, justices, of co. Essex, that the said Mary Quy, in the time of her travail, charged Henry Caxton to be the true father of the child. It is ordered, therefore, that the said Mary Quy shall keep the child, and Henry Caxton, the reputed father, shall pay to her sixteen pence weekly for three years for the keeping of the said child. And after that time he shall pay eighteen pence weekly for eleven years; provided that in case of the death of Mary Quy during above period, the said Henry Caxton shall make the said payments to the churchwardens and overseers for the poor. And on the said child attaining the age of fourteen years Henry Caxton shall pay £3 for its apprenticeship. And the said Henry Caxton shall be bound with two sureties in the sum of £40 to perform this order and prevent the parish of Braughin from any expense in the matter, and furthermore he shall pay to the

parish of Clavering the sum of £3 10s. 0d. in consideration of the maintenance of the said Mary Quy and the nursing of the child.

108. Order that Sir John Wittewrong, knight, and others, justices, shall call before them the chief constables on that side of the county, and shall take their account concerning the treasure of this county for hospitals and maimed soldiers, and also that Thomas Babb, a maimed soldier, shall be paid the three quarters due to him, and that William Wharton, who for a long time has kept a poor child called John Williams for the county, be paid all arrears due to him; and that the said child being twelve or thirteen years of age, be now apprenticed.

115 & 116. Names of high constables and bailiffs.

118. Names of inhabitants of Ware that have able teams but have refused to take part in mending the highways after legal warning.

120. Answer of the constables of Stortford to "those which style themselves the chief or chiefest of the inhabitants of Stortford."

121. Watton. 18 September. Letter from Sir John Wattes to Gabriell Barber and Thomas Tooke. "There has always been a surveyor for the highways upland and two for the town, being distinguished as Ware infra and Ware extra, and several courts held for them by the lord of the manor of Ware. The surveyor upland has three miles of the common highway to mend yearly from Ware towns end unto Widford Mill, a great part whereof is very bad, besides other cross roads."

124. 4 October. Deed poll of John Rilands, of St. Albans, butcher, releasing and quit claiming to John Crosbye, of Wyndridge, in the parish of St. Michaels, near St. Albans, gent., his heirs, etc., all actions, real and personal debts, duties, sums of money, trespasses, and batteries, and all other actions and suits whatsoever, which he had against the said John Crosbye from the beginning of world.

128. The inhabitants of Ware Upland present to the justices the premisses following :—

The parish of Ware is distinguished by the titles of Ware Infra, and Ware Extra, and two several courts are kept by the lord of the Manor.

From time immemorial Ware Infra has had the following officers, viz :—two churchwardens, two constables, two overseers for the poor, and surveyors for the highways as appears by the court rolls.

Ware Extra has had one churchwarden, one constable, one overseer, and one surveyor.

The surveyors of Ware Infra have commonly amended the highway leading to Wadsmyle, so far as the parish extended that way, being about a mile, also the highways leading to Westmill, so far as the parish extended.

The surveyor of Ware Extra have commonly amended the highways from Ware town's end to Widford Mill, being above three miles in length.

The great decay of all the ways arises through the unreasonable loads of malt brought into and through Ware to Hodsdon from remote parts, and the bringing of great loads of malt from both the Hadhams, Alburie, Starford, all the Pelhams and Clavering, through Ware Extra, and the excessive loads from Norwich, Bury and Cambridge weekly, the teams often consisting of seven or eight horses. There is a great increase of malsters in Ware. The surveyors neglect to warn all owners of teams in the parish, and others that have draft horses, to perform their day's work, and also neglect to present defaulters in this respect. Moreover, landholders in Ware hire teams from other parishes to plough their lands, which lands are amenable to contribution towards the repair of the said ways. If the malsters would carry lighter loads with only four horses as they used to, and each person would duly perform his works, the ways could be sufficiently amended. The surveyor and inhabitants of Ware Extra are content to help the surveyors of Ware Infra on such days as may be spared, but not to neglect their own highways.

151. Information of George Thompson, one of the collectors of the excise within the hundreds of Hertford and Braughin, that William Wilkinson, of Ware, had threatened to beat him out of the country and burn his house as the Excise House in London had been burned; and the same William Wilkinson said that those who established the excise were rogues and rascals, and further deponent says that Alice Creed, of Ware, sister of Wilkinson, spoke to the same effect, and Thomas Houlton, of Hertford, butcher, about the same, for no other purpose than to rail at deponent and the proceedings of the excise.

152. William Hunt deposes that "on the last day of humiliation" he asked Robert Humberston, as he was making faggots, why he wrought upon that day, whereupon Humberston replied. "What! do you think I will obey these rogues' days;" and said further, "What did they pray for? The money that went to the rogues the Scotts!"

Jonas Odison [Addison] deposes that he lately asked the said Robert Humberston why he did not kill hogs as he used to, whereupon he replied that he would never kill now to pay excise for the committees at Hertford to sit and drink it.

153. Examination of Thomas Roads, of the parish of Denham, co. Bucks, who says he is a "poor gentleman," and born at "Edgworth," co. Middlesex; that by profession he is a ballad-singer, that his name is Thomas Roades, that he has many other names which country people have given him, and he answers to and owns them, and desires not to be called by his father's name. He wanders about the country and runs a hunting often. He sometimes asks for a cup of beer, but is too stout-hearted to beg. On 29th March, 1647, he called at the house of John How, of Hemel Hempstead, and asked for a cup of beer, but the woman of the house came to shut the door upon him, whereupon he punched at her with his staff.

156. Information of Jane, wife of Richard Gynn, that John Whiskett, of Ware, said that he heard Bessie Swack say that Joane Saban was "naught" with one in informant's house sixteen times together.

159. Indictment of George Rutt, late of Hunsdon, for not attending church.

161. Presentment that the highway leading from Hodsdon, in the parish of Broxbourne, towards London, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Broxbourne ought to repair the same, as they have done time out of mind. See also No. 175.

162. Indictment of Henry Edwards, late of Wallington, alehousekeeper, for refusing to sell a full quart of his best ale for one penny. See also No. 177.

164. Presentment that the upper bridge over the rivulet of Stondon, next adjoining the town of Stondon, is very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same, as they have done for time immemorial, whenever necessary. See also No. 175.

165. Indictment of John Parker, late of "Sacomberry," in the parish of Sacombe, yeoman, for not having lopped his hedges and trees adjoining the high way leading from Sacombe to Hertford, whereby the said high way is "much annoyed." See also No. 176.

166. Presentment that the highway leading from Ware to Hertford is very ruinous and in great decay through lack of repair of the "New Rivulet," in the parish of Great Amwell, and that Sir William Middleton, knight, ought to repair so much of the said highway as lies next to the said "New Rivulet" in the parish of Great Amwell, as he had been accustomed to whenever necessary. See also No. 175.

169. Indictment of John Finche, late of Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxborne, horse-collar maker, otherwise sadler, for having exercised the art of a sadler as well as the art of a horse-collar maker, at Broxbourne, contrary to the statute.

170. Indictment of Thomas Baker, of Hodsdon, in the parish of Broxbourne, horse-collar maker, otherwise sadler, for a similar offence at Hodsdon.

176. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Sacombe, leading from Sacombe to Hertford is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Sacombe ought to repair the same.

178. Complaint of Jo. Scrogges that John Ginne, of Aldbury, yeoman, has hedged and ditched in part of the common "fayringway" between a place called Chapgate and Aldbury church, near a water-course; so that the inhabitants are shut out of the track which they have for many hundred years kept and repaired, and are obliged to plunge into a pit whenever it rains; otherwise they cannot pass that way either to church or elsewhere.

179-183. Names of jurors.

193. Recognizance of Thomas Love, of Waltesworth, to appear and answer why he has put away his servant.

194. Recognizance of Mark Wren, of Walsworth, in the parish of Hitchin, husbandman, to appear and show cause why he has unlawfully departed out of his master's service, being his lawful hired servant.

200. Petitions of divers inhabitants of the parish of Chesthunt, setting forth that John Geery, the elder, of Cheshunt, being a man of lewd and contentious disposition, continually rails and reviles petitioners without cause, so that his neighbours cannot live quietly near him. Moreover he maliciously poisons the water, which petitioners have occasion to use, by throwing his tan skins there, even upon the Lord's day.

202. Petition of the inhabitants of Ware Extra that some of the inhabitants of Ware Infra assume to themselves the power to dispose and alter the officers of the parish, and would suppress the surveyor of the highways in Ware Extra. From time immemorial there has been one constable, one churchwarden, one overseer for the poor, and one surveyor for the highways in Ware Extra or Upland. They pray that the said officers of Ware Extra may be continued, there now being extraordinary occasion to repair the "highways upland" on account of many great carts, with great loads, forsaking the common road and resorting with malt and barley through our highways to Ware. Petitioners are willing to aid them of Ware in mending the highways to Wadesmill and other parts in this parish.

204. Petition of William Heard, of Little Hadham, showing that

his son-in-law, Joseph Baylie, was apprenticed to Richard Goodman, of Braughin, shoemaker, for nine years, of which he has served five; but now for about twelve weeks the said Richard Goodman has gone and left the said Joseph Baylie, who has therefore been obliged to return to his father-in-law. Anne, the wife of Goodman, not only refusing to keep the said Joseph in her house, but also to deliver up to him his indentures of apprenticeship. Prays that the said Anne may be forced to deliver up the said indentures.

205. Petition of Margaret Boffey, the wife of Richard Boffey, of Ware, setting forth that six years ago she took a child of Thomas Gardiner, of "Stephney, near London," to keep; but the child's friends are since dead and petitioner unpaid for keeping the child upwards of three quarters of a year. An order at Quarter Sessions directed that the parish should take the child, but they refuse to do so. Prays for relief.

206. Order at general sessions that, whereas the justices at Hertford declared that Thomas Carter ought not to be settled at Shenley, but at St. Peters, in or near St. Albans; and whereas the churchwardens and overseers there, refused to receive him, the said churchwardens and overseers are bound over to appear and answer the said matter, and the inhabitants of St. Peters shall, in the interim, maintain and provide for the said Carter.

208. Indenture witnessing that whereas an order was made at Sessions that the justices should take care for the putting forth of John Williams, a poor child kept at the charge of the county, as an apprentice to some good trade, the justices whose names are subscribed, do place the said John Williams, aged about thirteen, as an apprentice to Roger Woodward, of Shenley, brickmaker, until he be twenty-four years of age. He is to serve his said master well and truly, and shall be of good demeanour towards his said master and all his family, and in all things behave himself as becomes a true and faithful servant; and the said Roger Woodward, in consideration of the sum of three pounds ten shillings to him paid, covenants during the said term to provide the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, lodging, apparel, and all

other necessaries as shall be fit for such an apprentice, and at the end of the said term shall provide him two suits of apparel, one for holidays and the other for working days, fitting and beseeming a man of that trade and calling.

214. Estimate of two carpenters for the repair, "at the charge of the whole county," of Fore Bridge, in the parish of "Braffin." The work to be done with all manner of materials that are wanting, "as timber," all carriage [of materials], iron-work, labourers' work, and the "best use" of all the old stuff, either for wharfage or any other ways fitting. The whole sum, 49*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

215. Money received for Small Lea ["Smalley"] Bridge.

218. List of high constables.

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24. Presentment that a certain footbridge, called Giggsbridge, leading from Buntingford to Widdiall, in the parish of Widdiall, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Widdiall ought to repair the same. *For the indictment thereon, see* No. 15.

25. Presentment that William Dawes, of the parish of Offley, has thrown a heap of mould into the highway, leading from Lilly Street in Lilly into the common fields there, so that no passengers or carriages can pass by that way. *Presentment ignored, see* No. 19.

26. Presentment by the surveyors of the highways of Stansted Abbott, that John Simpson of the said parish, has not done his work in the highways, and that Jeffrey Clerk of the same, husbandman, has not, with his team done any day's work according to the statute provided. *Vide* No. 20.

27. Presentments by the jurors at quarter sessions, January 8th, 1648-9.

(1) That the highway called "Ware West Mill Lane," along by Ware Park, is so much decayed and out of repair, that it is impossible to pass through there with horse and cart, without great danger, and that the inhabi-

tants of Ware ought to repair the same. *True bill thereon. No.* 17.

(2) That the highway in the parish of "Sabridgeworth" (Sawbridgeworth), leading from Eastwick to Sabridgeworth, between "Pissoe Park" and the house called "The Bridgefoot House," in the tenure of John Crampthorne, in length about 10 rods is in great decay, so that passengers can hardly pass through the same, and that the inhabitants of Sabridgeworth used and ought to repair the same. *Presentment ignored. Vide No.* 20, *where the park is spelled "Pishoe."*

30. Presentment that a common bridge in the highway in the parish of Standon leading from Puckeridge towards Bishop's Stortford and called Standon bridge is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the county of Herts used and ought to repair the same. *True bill thereon. No.* 16.

39. Presentment of the constables of the parish of Standon, showing that divers of the inhabitants of the said parish refuse to pay their rates.

40. Petition of the inhabitants of King's Langley, showing that for two years they have not had any leet court for the manor of King's Langley, which in former times was held once a year, and at which the constables were elected; the want of which court has caused the present officers to "suffer much," and to perform their offices for two years. The petitioners, apprehending no other way, have, by consent, and in the usual way, elected and chosen John Cartwright and Nathan Wingfield to bear the said office, and they pray the justices will be pleased to grant an order for the same.

41. Petition of Johanne Whitaker, showing that she is a very poor woman and has three small children to maintain, and that her husband, Richard Whitaker, was slain in the parliament service at Edge Hill.

41a. The above petitioner finding that there is an allowance allowed by the parliament ordinance unto such widows and orphans, as should lose their fathers in the above service, prays that relief may be allowed her from the same.

42. Petition of Alice Drew, widow, showing that her husband during his lifetime was imployed by the inhabitants of Hoddesdon in the parish of Broxborne in divers "suits in law," which he most carefully "effected," but that he was "out of purse" the sum of £15 14s. 5d. A rate was made for the reimbursing the same, but was never collected, and being in the hands of the then minister, upon his removal, was lost and neither the petitioner's husband nor the petitioner (since his death) could prevail upon the inhabitants of Hoddesdon to make another rate. She therefore prays that the court will grant an order to the said inhabitants, that they should make a rate for the said sum and should forthwith collect the same.

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2. April 2, 1649. Order that Edward Hurst and Henry Kingsley, chief constables of the half-hundred of Hitchin, shall pay to Thomas Pomfrett, under-sheriff, out of the county moneys in their hands for hospitals and maimed soldiers, the sum of £6 11s. 0d., to be paid by him to Lord Chief Justice Rolle, for the relief of the prisoners in the King's Bench and the Marshalsea.

408. April 24, 1649. Receipt by the Under-Sheriff for the sum of £6, being three arrears due at Midsummer last, to the prisoners in the Upper Bench and Marshalsea.

3. September 30, 1650. Order that Robert Everett, a maimed soldier of Ashwell, shall have the yearly pension, formerly paid to Thomas Brian, deceased.

409. 1650. Accounts for repairs to Fore Bridge, New Bridge, and Standon Bridge.

4. January 13, 1650-51. Order that Christopher Eve, of Ashwell, a soldier maimed in the Parliament's service, shall have the yearly pension of 50s., formerly paid to Edward Fowler. of Ashwell, deceased.

246. July 14, 1651. Presentment of Arthur Biscoe, of Standon, labourer, for causing a chalk pit to be dug in the middle of the common field way, in a common field in Standon, called Poehendon. (See also No. 256).

383. 1651. Certificate by the overseer of the works that the parishioners of Little Hormead have done their day's work for the highways, excepting Mr. Ball, minister of the parish, and William Plummer.

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20. Order, made upon hearing the matter concerning the inequality of the constables' rate in the parish of Little Hadham, that it appears to the court that a pound rate is the most equal way of rating, and that the parishioners of the said parish should meet together and make a new rate by the pound for constables' charges, and send the same to some justices of the peace to be confirmed.

21. Order that "Mr. Doctor King," justice of the peace, should call before him, Richard Benning, of Berkhampstead, who was reported to have "made away" his wife.

Certificate by the above-mentioned justice that he had strictly enquired into the matter and found no cause of binding anybody over to the sessions, the said woman having died of a "preternatural desease."

22. Examinations concerning Maudlyn Morrice, widow, who did assault, and endeavour to take away a bundle of bushes from Mr. John Berners, of Tharfield, which her children had unlawfully cut and then did threaten to go to Mr. Berners' hedges and break them.

23. Information of Joane Whillocke, that Mary, wife of George Asser, made an assault upon her, scratching her face and "drawing blood upon her," and that George Asse throw a kettle of hot water at her, Mary Asser also saying that the deponent had but one eye and that she would pull out the other.

Depositions by certain persons named, touching the above information deposing that they saw the face of the said Joane "to be all over of gore blood."

24. Information of John Barnard, of the borough of St. Albans, "officer to the Commissioners of Assize," [Excise ?] that he was commanded to go to the house of Edward Peacock, of

Royston, victualler, and there to seize his copper and other goods and to carry away the same, but that the said Peacock with his wife and others in the house did, by force of arms, and with unlawful weapons, keep and detain the said goods in the presence of the constables and many others. The wife of the said Peacock threatening that some muskets which they had in the house and which were charged, should be discharged against the officers of assize, and that they would cause about a hundred of their confederates to come into the street to do what they would against John Barnard and his assistants.

26. Information of Nehemiah Brocklis, servant to Thomas Heydon, of Hemel Hempstead, miller, against Phillip Clympton, of the same parish, blacksmith, and his son, the latter having cut "eels from a leape" in the water belonging to the mill, and having assaulted the said Nehemiah Brocklis.

27. Informations concerning certain "plow irons" taken to Phillip Clympton of the above parish to be made into a "fire shovel" and "a pair of tongs."

29. Information of Thomas Botts, that about 40 years since he took tithes for the parson of the parish of Aston, "and that he knows the land belonging to Campkin," also that he cannot find that "any part of the shed set up by old Campkin was set upon that acre which belonged to the parish of Aston Vales," "the chimney which he conceiveth is all that standeth upon that acre."

Information of John Williams that about 30 years since he gathered tithes for Mr. Gammond, parson of Aston, and that he knows the acre now in question that it is a 'streight land," and "according to the direction they received from Campkin for the taking of their tithe there," he deposes that there is no more than about three feet taken into the new shed, upon which part of the chimney stands.

31. Further examinations referring to the above matter, George Campkin deposing that his father told him that the ground-sill of the old house did lie upon the balk which divided Watton and Ashton parish, also that the shed was set upon the land belonging to Ashton parish.

William Sheath deposes that about 36 years since, he worked with Michael Campkin in setting up a house, and that his father said that the house was set upon the balk which parted the two parishes, and the shed was set up by Campkin himself afterwards.

43. Presentment that Richard Geeny, innkeeper, did harbour in his dwelling house at unlawful hours on a certain day, one John Holwell, servant and apprentice to John Gilbert, to the great damage of the said Gilbert.

45. Presentment that a certain ditch in the parish of Amwell, leading from Hodsdon to the town of Hertford, is very much in decay for want of repair, and that William Boram (?), of Hodsdon, ought to repair the same.

46. Presentment that the comon highway lying in the parish of Layston, near the grounds of William Etheridge and George Morthup (?) and leading towards Buntingford Westmill, is in great decay for want of repairing a watercourse there, and that the inhabitants of Layston used and ought to repair the same.

48. Presentment that the water had made a breach over a certain common footway in the parish of Ware, leading from Hodsdon towards Ware, which breach John Andrewes, of Waters Place, in the parish of Ware, ought to repair.

54. Presentment that Mary Shepperd, of Furnex Pelham, did "frame and contrive" certain songs and rhymes against one Robert Pompheritt of the same parish.

56. Presentment that Thomas Pilley, late of Sabridgeworth, set his "fulling mill to work on the Sabboth day in the manifest prophanation of the Lord's Day."

57. Presentment that Thomas Sewertyes, late of Hitchin, with force and arms, did "land up" part of the river and of the spring head, arrising in a certain close in Chalton called Waterclose, adjoining unto the three mills there.

58. Presentment that Thomas Papworth, late of Hitchin, ploughed up one half acre, part of the common highway at Wellhead, leading from Offley to Hitchin.

59. Like presentment for Edward Hurste.

60. Presentment that Richard Haclow, late of Ware, obstructed the "common stream of the river Lee," leading from Hertford towards London, by placing timber over and across the said river, so that barges could not pass that way.

64. Presentment that John Rutland, late of Great Gadsden, ploughed up the church path leading from Great Gadsden to Hemel Hempstead.

65. Presentment as in No. 46, and that George Harmer, of Weston, dug up "the waste and common" belonging to the inhabitants of Weston, and carried away the same; and that John Andrewes, of Waters Place, in the parish of Ware, has not yet repaired a "breach of water" over a certain foot-path in that parish. See No. 48.

69. Presentment that a certain bridge called Coxe Bridge, between the parishes of Whethampsted and Harpeden is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the two mentioned parishes ought to repair the same.

71. Presentments as in Nos. 57, 58, and 59.

72. Presentments of the following:—

The parish of Layston for not repairing a common horse and footbridge in that parish. See No. 46.

William Osborne, of Barley, for being a common swearer and Sabboth breaker.

Bartholomew Glascock, of Hodsdon, grocer, for keeping unlawful weights.

74. Presentments that William Boram, of Hodsdon, has not yet repaired the ditch in the parish of Amwell (see No. 45), and that Robert Holland, of Hodsdon, innkeeper, "did forestall the market there" contrary to custom and before the ringing of the market bell.

157. Recognizance of Thomas Smith to appear at the next general sessions to testify concerning certain "fraudulous and reproachful speeches" spoken by George Phage, of Baldock, against the Right Hon. the Earl of Salisbury.

158. Similar recognizance of George Phage.

164. Petition of the inhabitants of Berkhampstead St. Peter, against an order made at the last quarter sessions, freeing the Earl of Bridgewater from all rates for the poor in the said parish. The petitioners set forth that "40 or 50 bayes of the Earl's dwelling-house and outhouses, and 20 or 30 acres of land, being pasture ground worth 20s. an acre per annum, and his orchards and gardens, are lying within our parish, besides the keeping of 150 sheep upon common grounds lying within our parish, termed by his lordship Sheppwalkes, and for these proffitts lying in our said parish, we know no reason for, as also 40 acres of coppice woodes by estimation felled this last year within our parish aforesaid, but that he ought to be rated for." See No. 170.

166. Petition of John Deiose (Deisse?), of Bishops Hatfield, against a rate of £20 per annum levied upon him for the occupation of one "warfe," one messuage, and 19 acres of land, in the said parish, at a yearly rent of £11, "being the full value of the premises."

168. Petition of the inhabitants of Braughing to "The Honorable Committee at Hertford," showing that they and their wives have several times been "abused" by one Lyneham Reader, a "post and letter carrier," of the City of Norwich, and other letter carriers, and praying that a warrant may be issued against the same, so that the petitioners may have some redress.

170. Petition of John, Earl of Bridgewater, against an assessment in the parish of Barkhampstead, showing "that some land, part of his park supposed to be within that parish," now is, and has been (ever since the making of the Statute of Provision for the Poor), "wood, ground, and set with timber trees and other trees, which cannot now be less than 60 years, and many of them above 100 years' growth, whereby the land hath been, for many years past, and now is, of little or no present annual value, nor will be otherwise than by falling the trees, and great cost to be afterwards expended."

Also showing that the wood being of such growth, no profits could be made of the land, but by destruction and fall of the woods and timber, which "would tend to the

prejudice of the commonwealth; and for that cause seemeth to be exempted out of the Statute, and for the same cause was never taxed in the like fund heretofore." See No. 164.

177. Petition of Stephen Jones, late minister of the parish of Shenly, showing that upon the request of the parishioners he resigned, and "took himself to teach a school" in the vicarage house, but being dispossessed of the said house, for want of imployment he is now reduced to poverty and sickness. Upon complaint to the parish he was allowed 2s. a week, but finding this insufficient to keep himself, a wife, and three small children, he complained to the justices, who ordered the churchwardens and overseers to allow him 5s. weekly during his sickness, which order they altogether refuse to obey.

178. Petition of William Phells. Shows that he was an inhabitant of the parish of Bushey for over 38 years, having been "breed and borne there." Being indebted to several persons he was obliged to leave the parish, but was a few days afterwards arrested and imprisoned (being Aug. 25th, 1651), where he remained until October, 1652.

Having no place of residence upon his release, he returned, with his wife and 4 children, to the above parish, but was "appossed there," and is now without any habitation. He prays that an order may be granted for his provision in the said parish.

179. Petition of Thomas Barton, of Tringe, that he may be licensed to sell beer and ale, his means of livelihood having been destroyed by reason of a great loss in "having his shop feloniously broke open in the night time and his goods stolen to a considerable value."

180. Petition of Edward Spencer, of Sabridgeworth, showing that his son was put apprentice to William Palmer, of "Storford," brasier, but that after a year the said apprentice enlisted in the "Parliament Service." The said Palmer now refuses to return any of the £5 paid to him, or to receive the said apprentice back into his service.

184. Order, dated 2 June, 1652, by the Committee for regulating

markets, that, upon consideration of the altering of market days from the days on which they are now kept (especially Mondays and Saturdays, which in many places occasions the prophanation of the Lord's Day) as also the setting up of markets in convenient places, the justices shall openly publish, at the next public sessions, such alterations as shall be made to the honour of God, and to the advantage of the nation.

185. Letter from the Committee to the Justices of Hertfordshire enclosing the foregoing order. Westminster, 17 June, 1654. See also No. 191.

188. Certificate by "George, Dr. Douer, (Dover ?)," that the wife of Richard Benning, whom he attended, died of a natural desease, and was not poisoned nor beaten; she was ill before the 22 Nov., 1645, and in December following he found her "irrecoverable" and gave her nothing but "cordialls and astringent medicines." She "fell into an extreme fever and a frenzy and died of a natural desease." See No. 21.

196. "Whereas John Hawkins hath erected a cottage on the waste of my mannour of Benington, in consideration of the great charge of wife and children that the said Hawkins is to provide for, I do hereby grant and give leave to him to continue the said cottage during his life and good behaviour, except the justices of the peace shall, at any time before, order the contrary. Henry Cæsar."

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249. 1653. Indictment of Samuel Mason, barber, and Francis Carrier, miller, of Great Hadham, surveyors for repairing the common highways in Great Hadham, for digging a gravel pit for raising gravel for the repair of the highway leading from Great Hadham to Hadham Cross and leaving the same unfilled.

257. January 19, 1653-4. Presentment that a bridge in the parish of Hatfield, called Lemsford Mill Bridge, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Hatfield have time out of mind and still ought to repair the same. (*See No.* 260 *for the indictment of the same*).

111. Feb. 22, 1634-4. Recognizances for the appearance of Simon Archer and William Shittleton, of Cheshunt, fishermen, to answer for fishing in the Earl of Carlisle's rivers in the night time.

227. February 25, 1653-4. Information of Jason Gould, of Bovingdon, yeoman, against William Weaver, scrivener. That upon the last Lord's day in the afternoon, John Parker, of Bovingdon, clerk, made repetition of his forenoon sermon which contained the following words, viz.: "Because of "swearing, the land mourneth." During the sermon William Weaver interrupted and said, "How do you prove that?" Whereupon the said John Parker replied, "Out of the 23rd "of Jeremiah and the 10th verse (his text). Upon which Weaver answered, "You might have said so before." The preacher then went on with his sermon, and Weaver again interrupted, saying, "You have preached false doctrine this day, and so you did the last Sunday, and I will prove it."

230. February 27, 1653-4. Examination of Thomas Bolton, of Waltham Abbey, who says that about May-day last, six grig-wheels made of osiers, were taken from him out of the river Lee, being the fishing belonging to Lord Carlisle, two of which grig-wheels Samuel Archer, of Tanford, "did make an exchange, to colour his knavery, with John Dol nge," for one belonging to the said Dolinge.

This examination was taken against Simon Archer, for taking away two ginns from Thomas Bolton.

116. March 14, 1653-4. Recognizance for the appearance of William Weaver, of Bovingdon, clerk, to answer for disturbing John Barker, clerk, whilst preaching in the public congregation at Bovingdon.

117. March 17, 1653-4. Recognizance for the appearance of William Pennyfather and William Meade, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Datchworth, to answer for disobeying an order directing them to provide a house in their parish for the habitation of James Kittsey.

264. 1655. Indictment of Robert More, of Great Hadhom, glover, for keeping a dog called a setting dog and a net, and using

the same to kill partridges, he not having lands of the yearly value of 80*l.*

266. 1656. Indictment of Francis Vernon, of Hertingfordbury, for turning out of its usual course a watercourse from the street of Hartingfordbury to the common river there.

265. 1656. Indictment of Robert Wilson, of Ashwell, labourer, for erecting a cottage at Ashwell without laying four acres thereto.

269. 1656. Indictment of Cicely Head, of Stevenage, spinster, foe erecting a cottage in the Parish of Datchworth, without laying four acres thereto.

439. 10 January, 1656-7. Letter from John Gore, at Gilston, to Edward Hide, at Hertford, stating that Mr. Chamberlaine, of Hunsdon, does not intend to prosecute a person unnamed for "shooting and killing the hare;" desires that the prisoner may be discharged on paying his fees, and that the bearer of the letter, Joseph Lambert, may be exempt from serving on the jury, parish concerns requiring his presence.

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210. Information of Robert Whitaker that one Vergus Johnson, of the parish of Great Hadham, "did use and exercise the art and mystery or manual occupation of a painter," the said Johnson never having been apprenticed to the said trade.

214 & 215. Information of Henry Wenham, that Edward Christmas, of Whethampsted, did follow the occupation of a baker never having been apprenticed to the said trade.

218. Several examinations concerning Anne Clarke, accused of abusing and threatening one "Felix Hale," wife of William Hale.

219. Information of James Allen, concerning Rose, wife of Samuel Gabell, who did swear "she would brain the rogue, meaning Mathew Prior, of Aston, and did strike the said Mathew Prior with a dish of wood which she brake in striking, and did also throw stones and gravel at him, and waited with cow-dung in her hand to throw at him."

221. Examination of John Winsor, of the parish of "St. Pulchre," bookbinder, touching a certain pamphlet, or libel, which he was then publishing in Hemel Hempstead. He does not know the author, but the printer was Robert Ecles, of Foxes Court, in the said parish. The deponent bought 300 copies to sell in the country. Ecles sent a parcel of the said pamphlet to one Captain Rocke, of Watford.

224. Information of Simon Archer, lessee of Mr. Trott, of "a fishing-water," locality not stated, as to bargemen suspected of taking eels from the "eel wier" of Basil Mills.

225. Presentment that John Dermer (?), late of Offley, did pull up a "style" standing in a certain close called "Pinkarde, being in the market common footpathway," leading from Hitchin to Luton, in the county of Bedford, and did set up an oven in the place where the said stile had stood.

227. Presentment that John Yardley, of Brickenden, enclosed a common footway lying between the tenement of one Richard Goodman on the east, and the tenement of the said John Yardley on the west, and leading out of the common footway into a common field called Wallfield.

228. Presentment that Thomas Sewertyes, late of Hitchin, did "land up" a certain spring in a close called "Waterclose," which spring should have driven three mills there, two of them in the parish of Hitchin and one in the parish of "Appolyttes."

229. Presentment that Phillip Collop, carpenter, late of Watton, "did lay timber-trees in the streetway."

231. Presentment that John "Queeneaway," [Greenaway?] late of Watton [at Stone], alehouse-keeper, did harbour in his dwelling-house thieves and wicked persons, and did allow the said persons to drink and tipple there, and to play cards on the Sabbath Day.

232. Presentment that George Oswell did sit and drink with divers other persons unknown, in the dwelling-house of one Thomas Porter, during the time of divine service.

233. Presentment that John Richards, of Charlton (in Hitchin), victualler, did suffer divers persons to sit drinking "overmuch" in his house, on the Lord's Day.

237. Presentment that William Osborne, of Birley, is a common swearer, evesdropper, and disturber of the public peace.

238. Presentment that John Pixley, late of Hartingforbury, having no lands, tenements, rents or profits in his own right, nor in the right of his wife, did carry, at Bishop's Hatfield, a "hand-gun," being charged with gun-powder and hailshot, and did discharge the same at ten pigeons in a certain close called Newclose.

251. Presentment that Sarah Page, wife of George Page, of Graveley, is a "common barrier (*sic*) and disturber of the public peace," and has stirred up divers scandals and discords amongst her neighbours.

252. Presentment that a certain ditch, in the parish of Cheshunt, lying between Withyholme and Nyninge (?) is in great decay, and that John Boteler, Esq., late of Wormleyn, [Wormley ?] ought to repair the same.

255. Presentment that Samuel Ansell, Henry Cory, Joseph Leach, and William Burton, all of Bishop's Hatfield, did fish, without license, in the free fishing of the Right Hon. the Earl of Salisbury, and did kill and take away one pike and five trout.

256. Presentment that John Morrill, Thomas Wood, and Robert Elliot did by force and arms "violently break" and enter the house of one Elizabeth Hadswell, in the possession of John Pegram, and did tear up and throw down forty-six feet of the "thetching" of the said house.

259. Presentment that Arthur Hunsdon, of Sabridgeworth, did dig, throw up, and carry away ten poles of ground in the highway leading from Much Hadham towards Gilston, and did also "hang certain gates" across the said highway.

263. Presentments of Thomas Sewertyes, of Hitchen. (See Nos. 57 & 228); and of Phillip Collop, of Watton. (See No. 229).

266. Presentments of the following:—

A dangerous place in the highway of the parish of "Further Broxbourne," beyond the New River towards London, which the inhabitants of Broxbourne ought to repair.

The second high bridge in the mead between Ware and Hertford which is very dangerous and belongs to Sir Thomas Fanshaw, and which should be repaired by him.

273. Presentment of John Dermer, of Offley, for removing a stile and building an oven there, to the straightening the market footpath leading from Hitchin to Luton. (See No. 225).

277. Presentments that the inhabitants of Ware have not set up a cage in the said town for the securing of offenders; and that a certain ditch in the parish of Cheshunt, lying between Whithyholme and Nyninge, is in need of repair. (See No. 252).

286. List of names of the bailiffs of the several hundreds.

377. Petition of Thomas Crumion praying to be "excused" from the office of constable of the parish of Wheathampsted; showing that he is 70 years old, "lame of one arm," and hath no land but one small farm of between 50 and 60 acres. He has also served the said office three times within the space of 40 years.

381. Petition of John Farey, of Tewin, showing that he is destitute of an habitation, "by reason that some of the parish do hinder him from a house that he had hired, threatening the landlord to indicte him for erecting a new tenement, whereby the landlord is afraid to let him his house," which has been a tenement for the space of 50 years and upwards (and not newly erected as the inhabitants do certify) and inhabited by several persons named.

387. Petition of Elizabeth Leath, widow, showing that her husband purchased a messuage during his lifetime from one George Leath, of Allhallowes, and that they gave up possession of the house where they formerly lived, intending to go into the newly-purchased house, and in the meantime "prevailed with one John Rolfe to entertain them in his

house in Great Amwell, and have there remained guestwise by the space of four months." Since then the said William (*sic*) Leath has been killed, and now "by the force of one John Hart," the petitioner and her children are kept out of possession of the said house.

382. Petition of Thomas Copcorte (?), praying for the restoration of his wife and children, his said wife having left him for the space of ten years, taking the children with her.

383. Petitions of certain persons named, showing that they were, by a warrant, commanded to carry ammunition with horse and cart from Baldock to St. Albans, and that they have received no satisfaction for the same, and praying that a rate may be made for their charges.

389. Petition of the inhabitants of the hamlet of Tybur Street, in the parish of Aldenham, against a rate made by the parishioners of Aldenham; showing that they have always repaired the highways lying within the said hamlet, and have yearly chosen a surveyor for that purpose. They have never been rated or taxed for the parish of Aldenham, but only for their own hamlet; but that now the parishioners of Aldenham have imposed a rate upon them for the repairing of the highways within that parish.

392. Whereas John Hawkins, a very poor man with a wife and small children, has set up a little cottage on the common waste ground, and hath obtained the leave of the lord of the manor for so doing, the inhabitants of Bennington do certify that they are not only willing but do earnestly desire that the same cottage may stand, and not be pulled down.

394. Certificate that William Nicholls and Joane Chapman were "joined together in holy wedlock" in the parish church of Ickleford, May 31st, 1653.

398. Certificate (22nd February, 1652-3), by Oliver Cromwell, and signed by him, that Henry Stanborn was slain in the Parliament's service, and asking the justices to provide for his widow. Sealed with Cromwell's arms.

407. Certificate by certain of the inhabitants of Sabridgeworth

that they have viewed a bridge called "High Bridge," which is in great decay, and is to be repaired by the county, the estimate for the same amounting to the sum of £20. This bridge was built at the charge of the county in 1617.

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427. Presentment that Mathew King and Robert King, surveyors of the parish of Barley, have not furnished an account of the money rated by the inhabitants and collected by them, for the amendment of the highways in the said parish.

429. Presentment that a certain common highway in the parish of Further Broxbourne, beyond the New River, leading towards London, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same. (See No. 266).

431. Presentment that William Weaver, late of Bovingdon, did, with force and arms (*i.e.*, bars of iron, staves, forks, swords and other weapons), unlawfully enter a cottage in the possession of Nehemiah Baker, and did evict the said Baker.

433. Presentment that the bridge situate in the mead between Ware and Hertford, called "the second high bridge" is in great decay, and should be repaired by Sir Thomas Fanshaw, of Ware, and William Heath, of Rushgreene. (See No. 266).

443. Presentment that Thomas Worlands, of Ashwell, did "take away" one "heive of bees," the property of one James Bowne.

449. Presentment that a certain bridge in the parish of Ware, and in the common highway leading from Ware to Baldock, is in great decay, and that George Browne (?) ought to repair the same.

454. Presentment that a bridge in the parish of Ware, in the highway leading from Stansted Abbot to Ware, and called "Esney Brooke Bridge" is in great decay, and that Alexander Wylds, late of Ware, ought to repair the same.

456. Presentment that a common bridge in Tunford, in the parish

of Cheshunt, leading from the common highway there, to the parish church of Cheshunt, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt used and ought to repair the same.

461. Presentments :—

That one Thomas Field, of the parish of Stansted Abbott, refused, upon the warning of the constables, to help "watch and ware" in the said parish.

That a certain bridge in the parish of Ware, called Esney Brook Bridge, is in great decay. (See No. 454).

That a bridge in the common highway, leading from Ware to Baldock, is in great decay, and that George Bromley ought to repair the same. (See 449).

That a common bridge in the parish of Cheshunt is in great decay. (See No. 456).

466. Presentments that Mr. Barnard, of Cheshunt, has encroached upon the highway leading to church and market, "whereby the common watercourse hath not its usual passage," being near Churchgate, in the parish of Cheshunt.

That the said Richard Barnard, has not scoured a common sewer ditch in Waterlane, in the said parish of Cheshunt, on the north side of Albury "whereby it breaks forth in the highway to the great decay thereof."

That John Spicer, blacksmith, of Hamond Street, in the parish of Cheshunt, keeps an unlicensed victualling house.

525. Certificate that William Weaver, of Bovingdon, stands convicted "for that he openly disturbed John Parker, minister, during the time of his preaching," in the parish church of Bovingdon; for which offence he was ordered to make a public acknowledgment and submission in the church.

528. Petition that John Rads (?), of the parish of Ware, should be made marshal for part of the county of Hertford.

530. Petition of Edward Welch and William Roberts, surveyors of the highways of Broxborne, showing that the highways are in great decay for want of repair, and that there is a gravel-pit by the highway in the said parish, but that one,

Mr. Bayly, of Hodsdon, will not allow them to dig there, nor to take away the gravel for the repairing of the said highways.

533. Petition of the Earl of Bridgwater, showing that he wishes to sell some of his woods growing on certain wastes and common grounds, in the parishes of Berkhampstead St. Peter, and Little Gadesdon, which cannot legally be done but by "incoppiceing," a fourth part thereof, to be divided and set out by consent of the commoners if they agree. The petitioner cannot obtain the consent of the said commoners, and prays that the bench will appoint two or more justices to set out or divide a fourth part of the said woods according to the statutes provided.

540. Letter concerning one John Cutt, touching a bastard child born in the parish of Harpenden, he being the reputed father.

544. Letter, addressed to the justices of the peace at Hertford, touching the defeating of "the late rebellion and insurrection," and hoping that, through the blessing of God, "an effectual course will be taken for the total disappointment of the whole designe," and earnestly recommending that diligent watches be kept for taking "a strict account of all strangers in our county, which will not only be a means to suppress all lose and idle persons, but may probably cause some of those, who come from abroad to kindle fires here, to be apprehended and seized upon." Especial care should be taken to secure all who cannot give a good account of their business, which will probably break up meetings and assemblies.

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576. Information that one Humphrey Hardwick, late of Great Hadham, clerk, between May 1st, 1654, and March 16th, 1654-5, did buy, forestall, and obtain, of divers persons whose names are not known, one hundred quarters of wheat, the value of each quarter being 30s., and two hundred quarters of barley, the value of every quarter thereof 20s., "coming towards the several markets of Hertford, Ware, Stortford,

Hodsdon, and other markets," before such wheat and barley was in any of the said markets to be sold, and against the form of the statute in that case made and provided. £350 is claimed by John Rudd (for the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth) from Humphrey Hardwick, that being the value of the said wheat and barley.

583. Several informations concerning William Stoard, servant to John Stone, of King's Langley, who was sent by the said Stone to keep the gleaners back from the corn "till the raking was fully finished."

587. Presentment that Thomas Jones and Benjamin Jones, late of the town of Hertford, did use and exercise the "French trade and mystery" of dyers, never having been apprenticed to the said trade. See No. 688.

607. Presentment that John Vany and William Pigsworth, of the parish of Wigginton, did, with dogs and ferrets, enter a warren of the Lady Gertrude Anderson, and did kill and carry away one couple of "coneys."

623. Presentment of William Border as in No. 607.

624. Presentment that a certain footbridge in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from Theobald Park to Hodsdon, is in great decay, and that William Gray, late of Hodsdon, ought to repair the same.

625. Presentment that Brett Rutter, elected overseer for the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, did, for nine months of the year, entirely neglect to execute the said office.

626. Presentment that the petty constables of Bayford did not appear upon a warrant, at the meeting "at the sign of the Bull at Broxbourne," to give an account of what vagrants they had apprehended and passed, "with certificate thereof, under the hands of the minister of the parish church of Bayford."

640. Presentment that a certain bridge in the parish of "Benieo" called "Homes Bridge" is in great decay, and that George Bromley, late of Ware West Mill, ought to repair the same.

645. Presentment that a certain highway, leading from Walkerne Clayend (?) to Bennington, being partly in each of the said parishes, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parishes ought to repair the same.

668. Presentment that a certain ditch in Waterlane, in the parish of Cheshunt, on the north side of Albury, in the said parish, is in great decay, "for want of scouring the same," and that Richard Barnard ought to repair the same. (See No. 466).

669. Presentment that Ambrose Martyn, of Hatfield, has made a dam in a certain lane called "Ducklane," by reason of which a certain watercourse, leading through the town, has become stopped up.

670. Presentment that Richard Rockell, late of Furnex Pelham [Furneaux Pelham], did fill up a certain watercourse, near the grounds of Valentine Wright, and that the stream of the said watercourse has turned into the grounds of the said Wright, to the great damage thereof.

672. Presentment that Richard Barnard, of the parish of Cheshunt, did make an encroachment on the highway of the parish, leading to the parish church there, by reason of which encroachment a certain watercourse is stopped up.

680. Presentments that Ambrose Martin, of Hatfield, made a dam in a certain watercourse leading through the town, and utterly stopped up the said watercourse; also that a certain highway between the parishes of Walkerne and Bennington is in great decay. (See No. 645 & 669).

683. Presentment that William Selwood did erect and set up a cottage in the parish of Essendon, without having first assigned thereto four acres of freehold land; and that a footbridge in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from Theobald's Park to Hodsdon, is in great decay, and that William Gray, of Hodsdon, ought to repair the same.

685. Presentment that Christopher Ansell, late of Lilley, has digged and made a ditch, in the highway leading from

Luton, in Bedfordshire, to Ickleford, and adjoining to the north side of a piece of land now in the occupation of the said Christopher Ansell.

688. Presentments that Thomas Joanes and Benjamin Joanes, of the town of Hertford, "did exercise the trade of dyers, not having served seven years as apprentices"; and that they "exercised the trade of clothworkers," not having served seven years of apprenticeship. See No. 587.

690. Presentments that a certain ditch in the parish of Braughing, leading from Puckeridge to the town of Braughing, is in great decay, and that John Cherry ought to repair the same; and that a bridge lying in "Brakfield," in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from a place called Tanfield to Cheshunt Church, is in great decay, and that Mr. Lavender ought to repair the same, "by reason of certain lands and tenements he holds near to the said bridge."

720. Recognizance for the appearance of John Bourne at the next quarter sessions, to answer for "entertaining and harbouring several Egyptians in his house, who go robbing people of their goods."

736. Like recognizance of John Ballard.

748. Recognizance of William Griggory touching his speaking certain scandalous words of Robert Seabrooke and William Potter.

769. Recognizance of John Berners and George Reynolds, of Tharfield, touching the giving and taking of wages, contrary to the statute provided.

796. Recognizance of Elizabeth Holmes to appear and answer for unlawfully departing from her master, John Fields, being lawfully hired by him.

807. Recognizance of Zacheus Howe to appear and answer concerning the common buying and selling of corn without a license.

813. Recognizance of William Ladyman, of Aldbury, to appear

and answer concerning his common buying and selling of "dead victuall" without a license.

816. Petition of Ruth Arthur, Edward Kettle, and Jeremy Denshire, of the parish of Hartingfordbury, showing that a fire had occurred and burnt "down to the ground," the houses of the said petitioners, the loss amounting to £12 and upwards; and praying that they may be granted license and letters of commendation, whereby they may be empowered to have collections made in the several parish churches for their relief.

817. Petition of Alice Hale (?), widow, showing that her husband was killed in the Parliament service, and praying that a pension may be allowed her.

819. Petition of Richard Ford, surveyor of highways for the parish of Cheshunt, showing that the money left in the hands of the last surveyor is engrossed and kept by Sir Stephen Scott, Mr. Thomas Dacres, and Mr. Wright, the high constables, and praying that the said money may be given to the petitioner that he may "satisfy labourers" employed in the work on the highways.

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854. Presentment that Jacob Liles, blacksmith, of the parish of Essendon, did (upon a feast day, ordered to be kept by the Lord Protector) disturb the minister in his "praying and preaching, by working and beating his anvil in a most excessive and violent manner."

906. Recognizance of Thomas Dell to appear and answer certain contemptuous words spoken by him concerning a commission granted by the Lord Protector to the Earl of Bedford. (See No. 980).

907. Recognizance of John Sheppard and James Crampthorne to appear and answer for their neglect and refusal to collect (they being churchwardens) the money due for the gaol and marshalsea, and to pay it over to the chief constable of the hundred of Braughin.

909. Recognizance af Ralph Crouch, of Wallington, labourer, William Hankin, of the same place, and William Ellis, of Baldock, labourer, for their appearance to answer the com plaint of Thomas Wattson and other inhabitants of Wallington, touching the conveying of a bell from their parish church.

937. Recognizance of Henry Ditto (?) to appear and answer for unlawful gaming in the house of Henry Farrer, inkeeper, of Hodsdon, and for "drawing in and harbouring of his son there, to play and game away his money."

953. Recognizance of John Gull to appear and confirm his deposition against Robert Case and George Walker alias Gardiner touching the hunting and carrying away of a deer, out of Hadham Hall Park.

961. Recognizance of Ralph Charles to appear and answer for refusing to pay his rate made for the repair of the parish church of Rizden (*sic*).

973. Recognizance of Thomas Vuttman that he shall not offend against the statute of James I., concerning the killing or destroying, with any gun, cross-bow, stone-bow, or long-bow, of partridges, pheasants, house-doves, or pigeons.

980. Information of Henry Bodily, servant to the Earl of Bedford, against Thomas Dell, of Kensworth, setting forth that he, being authorized to take away all "setting doggs, spannells-netts, and other engines for destroying the game of partridge, grounded upon a commission granted by the Lord Protector," went to the house of the said Dell, and demanded a "spannell" which was in the house, but Dell refused to give up the spannell, declaring the commission to be a false one, and saying "that he cared not for the commission nor he that set it out." (See No. 906.)

982. Information concerning a female bastard child of one Susan Loin, John Bigge being the reputed father.

984. Information against one Harington Bickley accused of being "a common drunkard, a profaner of the Sabbath and an abuser of his neighbours."

985. Several informations concerniug the ruinous state of the vicarage house of "Brakin" [Braughing?] when Mr. Coe became incumbent; the repairing of which would have cost something like £40, but which has now become so decayed as to require nearly £200 to put into good repair.

986. Presentment that the common highway in the parish of Walkerne, leading from Risden to Hertford, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Walkerne ought to repair the same.

987. Presentments that John Wood, Elizabeth, his wife, and the wife of Richard Wellcomes, of Buntingford, did "cut up and carry away the quick hedge of Mathew Day, of Throcking, between the enclosure and common field;" and that Robert Moore, of Great Hadham, not having any land or tenement of the yearly value of £40, "did keep one setting dog and net to take partridges."

989. Presentments that Elizabeth Casse, of Sabridgeworth, "is a common barratter and tale-bearer, and seweth division and maketh debate between neighbours;" and that Francis Vernan (?), of Hartingfordbury, did turn out of its course, a certain watercourse leading from Hartingfordbury Street to a common river. (See also No. 997).

991. Presentments that Edmund Papworth, of Chalton, in the parish of Hitchen, made a new ditch, lying on the back side of his orchard, which is a great annoyance to people passing from Hitchen to Offley; and that the said Edmund Papworth did erect one brick wall upon part of the highway leading from Hitchen to Offley. (See also No. 1011).

993. Presentment that the town of Hodsdon, being in the several parishes of Broxbourne and Amwell, is destitute of a pair of "stockes," and that the parishioners of Broxbourne ought to provide the same. (See also No. 1012).

997. Like presentment to No. 989.

998. Like presentment to No. 879.

999. Like presentment to No. 896.

1004. Presentment that William Pryor (?), of Hartingfordbury, did stop up a certain ditch of one John Brewster, by reason of which a certain watercourse leading from Hartingfordbury Street to the river is also stopped up.

1011. Like presentment to No. 991.

1012. Like presentment to No. 993.

1015. Presentment that George Page, late of Sabridgworth, did stand under the eves of the dwelling-house of Richard Godfrey as "evesdropper."

1019. Draft order to high constables, to appoint "a statute" for hiring servants in the hundreds of Dacorum and Cashio, and to keep a register of all such servants as shall be hired there.

He is also to give to all such servants a certificate with whom they are hired, for what wages, and where they dwell, and the high constables to return a list of the names of the servants, and of their masters, and their abode, to the justices. In case of death "or other extraordinary occasion" a servant or master being in want of service, they, repairing to the high constable's register to be hired, and obtaining a certificate, that certificate to be as effectual as if they had been hired at the "set statute."

That the constables should "take up" all travellers that come out of their country, "to work in the hay time and harvest," who have not a testimonial, according to the statute, under the hands of a justice of the peace of the town or place that they come from; and that no master shall hire, nor servant be hired, at any other time than as aforesaid.

1020. Petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Cheshunt, concerning a child kept by one George Crofts, who is grandfather to the said child, but being a very poor man and unable to provide for himself, the petitioners pray that an order may be made that the said child may be sent to the parish where it was born, there to be kept and provided for.

1021. Petition of certain of the inhabitants of Stevenage, that a certificate may be granted by the justices, for a collection

to be made for one Edward (Inskypp?) of the said parish, who has suffered great want and poverty "by a sudden and fearful fire," which burnt his dwelling-house and stables down to the ground.

1022. Certificate by certain of the inhabitants of Much Hadham, that "whereas Samuel Mason, of the same parish, stands indicted for putting up a chimney, it is taken down again, though not by him."

1029. Certificate that William Haward, of North Mimms, hath set up and made a stile in the place where it stood before.

1030. Presentment of the parishioners of "Brahin," stating that a rate made for the repairing of the vicarage of the said parish, which was in very great decay, amounting to £50, was, through some default, suspended, and the repairs wholly neglected "so that the ruins before and since incurred are now esteemed at £200." (See No. 985).

1031. Certificate that Joane, wife of Samuel Phillip, late of Preston-on-the-Hill, Northamptonshire, who was "whipped according to law" at Broxbourne, was "passed" by Thomas Turner, constable of Pirton.

1036. Petition of the inhabitants of Great Hadham, showing that one John Brace, lately purchased of Henry Orgar the north end of a certain house called "Garrards," "then in two several habitations," and continued in the said house without having assigned four acres of freehold land to the same. He now stands indicted for the same, and the petitioners pray that he may be granted liberty "still to continue the aforesaid house," and that he may be discharged of the indictment.

1037. Petition of William Man, master of the house of correction of Hertford, Braughin, and Broadwater hundreds, showing that the said house is in great decay, and also in great need of "stockes" for employing rogues, vagrants, and other persons, to work according to the statute. The estimate for the repairs being £10, and for the stock for the said employment £40, amounting to £50 in all.

1038. Petition of Edward Inskypp, of Stevenage, concerning his loss (by the burning of his house) amounting to the sum of £145 16s. 8d. (See No. 1021).

1039. Petition of John Holt, of Bovingdon, praying for a pension, he having been in the Parliament service under the command of Colonel Cox; during that time he had gained "such distemper in body" that he is utterly unable to make a living.

1044. Petition of the inhabitants of Radwell, showing that the Great Northern Road, lying for two miles in their parish, is in great decay, and that the soil "being such as the winter devours whatsoever they are able to lay on in summer," and the parish so small that it has only two teams. The petitioners pray that, in consideration thereof, they may be relieved, and such order taken, that for the future they may not be oppressed with chargeable indictments, as they have done to the full what "the laws do require."

1051. Petition of the inhabitants of Crawley, showing that all occupiers of lands, tenement, and hereditaments (by a late ordinance entiteled "An ordinance for the better amending and keeping in repair of the common highways of the nation") are to be taxed and rated to such parish wherein the said lands lie; and "that about two hundred acres of land lying in the said parish, belonging to a farm in Weston, in the occupation of Nicholas Honor, has always paid and performed all taxes and duties to the said parish. But the present tenant doth refuse to do service in repairing the highways, or to pay taxes for the same."

1053. Petition of divers "uplanders" of the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford. Praying for an adjustment of differences in the rates.

1054. Petition of Elizabeth Browne, widow, showing that her late husband had been allowed a pension of £4 per annum, having been wounded at the battle of Naseby, in the defence of the Commonwealth, and praying that she may be still allowed so much of the said pension as the justices shall think fit.

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14. Presentment that Francis Vernon, of Hartingfordbury, did turn out of its proper course a certain watercourse running from the street of Hertingfordbury to the common river there.

17. Presentment that Richard Hale, of Much Amwell, killed one hare in a close called Holland's Close.

18. Presentment that Edward Harris exercised the art of a cord-winder, at Bennington, without having served seven years' apprenticeship.

19. Presentment of Edward Shambrithe for shooting two pigeons.

22. 9th December, 1657. Inquisition taken at Redborne, by which it is found that John Vaux, gent., Thomas Munn and Alexander Grigg, riotously assembled at Cheverell's Green, in the parish of Flampstead, on the previous 27th Nov.

24. Presentment that Repentance Smith and Richard Harrison, surveyors of Stortford, have neglected to repair a certain watercourse in a lane called Water Lane, which was turned out of its ancient course. (See also No. 63.)

26. Indictment of certain persons named, for, on 31st May, 1657, unlawfully assembling in the parish church of Tring to disturb the public peace, and for then breaking and entering the pew of John Rotherham, esq., in the said church, and for assaulting the said John, and Nicholas Rotherham, gentlemen.

28. Indictment of John Fitzjohn, of Baldocke, for erecting a cottage without having first assigned thereto 4 acres of freehold ground.*

42. Presentment that Cuthbert Peacock, of Hitchin, barber, "did trim" divers persons unknown, on the Lord's Day, during divine service.

43. Presentment that a gravel pit in the parish of Hemel Hempsted, in the highway near the Heath House, upon "Two

* Several indictments for the same offence follow.

Waters Moore" is very deep, and remains "unfilled up." (See No. 67.)

58. Indictment of Robert Burrell, the younger, tailor, of Hunsdon, for disturbing the minister during the time of divine service.

64. Presentment that a certain footbridge in the parish of Great Amwell, commonly called Millholme Bridge, is in great decay, and that Raph Baesh, (?) esq., of Stansted Abbott, ought to repair the same.

67. Presentment concerning the gravel-pit in the parish of Hemel Hempsted; the inhabitants ought to repair the same. (See No. 43.)

69. Presentments of William Marsh, gentleman, of Cheshunt, for making a cottage out of his barn in Mill Lane in Cheshunt Street, not having 4 acres of land to lay to the same. Also of William Searle for making three cottages out of a tenement at Turner's Hill in Cheshunt. (See No. 38 and 44.)

108. Recognizance of John North to appear and answer the complaint of Elizabeth Dagne, his servant, for refusing to pay her wages.

109. Recognizance of Richard Hale to appear and answer for killing a hare with a gunne. (See No. 17.)

111. Similar recognizance of Edward Shambrett concerning his shooting and killing of pigeons. (See No. 19.)

128. Petition of Edward Pett, (?) of Little Hadham. He had been for many years a soldier, under the command of the Lord General Essex, the Right Hon. the Earl of Manchester, and in Capt. Newman Humphrey's Company, during which time "he behaved himself valiantly and as becomes a soldier." By reason of much cold and other hardship endured whilst on service, he is disabled with a lameness in his joints and a sore on his leg. He has a wife and four small children to provide for, and prays for a quarterly pension.

130. Petition of John Lupton and Henry Browne, constables, of Cheshunt, showing that it had always been the custom to choose constables to serve for the said parish at their court leet, and that there were two chosen by the jury as afore-

said, *i.e.*, Mathew Brand and John Ward; but, through favour of the Steward, others more unfit were chosen, contrary to the custom, and the petitioners in the meantime were compelled to continue their office of constables, from which office they pray to be discharged.

134. Petition of Robert Wilson, of Ashwell, praying for a pension from the maimed soldiers' fund, and showing that he had served four years in the late wars for the State service, under the command of Colonel Cuningham and Lieut.-Colonel Fortescue, "in the western parts," and during that time receiving many wounds which prevent him doing any "hard labour" to earn a living.

135. Similar petition of Thomas Cooper, of Ashwell.

139. Certificate concerning the choosing of constables at the Court Leet holden for the parish of Cheshunt. (See No. 130.)

149. Complaint made by some of the justices that the stewards of several leetes, and inhabitants of several parishes, do present inefficient men to be constables and headboroughs, such as cannot read nor write, prophane swearers and drunkards, alehouse-keepers, etc. The complainants consider that all charges to which constables shall be put by warrant, order, or ordinance of Parliament, should be examined by the parish and certified quarterly, and if allowed, order should be made for the levying the same upon the inhabitants, "whereby the constables and headboroughs may not be put to expenses out of their own purses for the service of the publick."

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439. Letter from John Gore to Mr. Edward Hide:—

"Sir,—My occasions will not give me leave to attend the sessions, and therefore take this opportunity to convey unto you this enclosed recognizance. The party hath beene already punished by me for the offence that relates to the Sabboath, for his shooting and killing the hare. It was prosecuted before me by Mr. Chamberlaine, of Hunsdon, but he doth not intend to appear against him at sessions,

but desires that, paying his fees, he may be discharged. I have nothing else but to assure you that I am

Your very loving friend,

Gilston, Jan. 10, 1656-7. JOHN GORE."

Postscript.—"You shall doe me a favour if you can discharge the bearer hereof, Joseph Lambert, from serving upon the jury, in regard, upon my knowledge, he hath some business of importance that concerns the parish which requires his presence."

268. Indictment of Henry Warner, of Storford, carpenter, for stopping up a watercourse lying on the backside of his house at a place called Hockerill.

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213. Presentment that Robert Arnot, of Tring, did exercise the trade of a baker, not having served seven years as an apprentice to the said trade.

214. Information that upon the 14th of February, 1657-8, being the Lord's Day, Henry Feast, of Roydon, Essex, came into the parish church of Hunsdon, the minister being then in the pulpit, "after he had done his prayer before his sermon when he was about to take out his text." Feast stood up and, with a loud voice, said, "The prayer of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." The minister asked if he applied that scripture to him, and the said Feast replied, but the informants could not understand what he said "by reason of the tumult that was in the church." (See No. 404.)

215. Information against Henry Warner charged with killing two deer and carrying them away out of the park of the Lord Capell in the parish of Hadham.

217. Information that upon Wednesday, the 19th May, 1658 (being a public fast day), and also upon the Lord's Day last past, Thomas Harris, of Thorley, came into the parish church of Thorley, and after the minister had done his sermon and prayer, spake publicly in the church to the

minister, asking him "to give an account of the call he had to the ministry." The deponents also certify that they have heard the said Harris abuse the minister, calling him, "Hireling, false prophett and a deluder of the people."

218. Confession of Thomas Harris that he committed the above offence, and "that he was moved thereunto by the spirit of the Lord."

219. Further information concerning the stealing of deer from Hadham Park.

229. Indictment of Luke Cooke to appear and answer concerning the unlawful killing of deer in Lord Capell's park at Little Hadham. (See No. 498).

230 & 233. Similar indictments of Robert Haydon and Henry Warner.

234. Recognizance of Edward Gray "touching his unlawful marriage."

240. Recognizance concerning the disturbance in Hunsdon Church. (See No. 214.).

244. Recognizance of John Gothridge to appear and answer for "selling of wares and commodities" on the Sabbath day.

250. Recognizance of Nicholas Tuffnell, of Broxbourne, to appear and answer for stealing "a certain parcel of hop-poles, out of a hedgerow," in the wood of Sir Richard Lucy, called Millgrove, at Broxbourne. (See also No. 411.)

252. Recognizance concerning the disturbance in Thorley parish church. (See No. 217).

259 & 260. Recognizances of James Bawcocke and Thomas Andrewes concerning the unlawful killing of deer. (See 217 and 219).

282. Recognizance of John Swaith, to appear and show cause why George his father, rector of "Little Hornemead," refuses to pay the constables' rate.

295. Similar presentment of James Hudnell, of Great Gadsdon, as in Nos. 28-41.

296. Presentments :—

(1) William Sympson, weaver, for encroaching upon the highway, leading from Widford Hill towards London, by making a hedge there, 4 rods in length and 2ft. broad. (See No. 395).

(2) That a common footbridge, called High Bridge, in the parish of Bengeo, in a mead called "Turnepike Meade," between Ware and Hertford, is in great decay, and that Richard Lattin, of Ware, ought to repair the same. (See No. 377).

(3) John Phipp, of Stondon, for grinding malt on the Sabboth day. (See No. 407).

297. Presentment of William Hunter, of Cheshunt, gentleman, for converting the Bell Inn at Waltham Cross, into three cottages, not having 4 acres of ground "to lay to any one one of them."

298. Presentment that a certain common highway in the parish of Ware, leading from Ware Westmill to Ware Town, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Ware ought to repair the same. (See No. 386).

303. Presentment of John Turrell, of Beamond, in the parish of Cheshunt, "being disordered in drink," for disturbing the minister that preached in Broxborne Church, 1 June, 1658. (See No. 310 & 413).

307. Presentments that:—

(1) Several persons named did not do their several works on the highways in the parish of Stondon.

(2) A certain common highway, called Stortford lane, in the parish of Stondon, leading from Stondon to Stortford, near the house of Richard Hall, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Stondon ought to repair the same.

352. Indictment of John Kant, otherwise Kent, of Hunsdon, to answer for disregarding the "ordinance of his late highness the Lord Protector and his Counsell" entiteled "An ordinance against challenges, duells, and all provokations thereto," and for using certain provocative language to Ralph Beash.

353. Presentment that a certain ditch in the parish of Cheshunt,

leading from a close called "The Marshe Closes" to the cowbridge there, lying between a mead called Land Mead, and the March Green, in the said parish, is in great decay for want of scouring, and that Richard Collier, John Lupton, and Richard Rombold, ought to repair the same.

357. Presentment of Thomas Norris, of Tharfield, for harbouring an inmate.

360. Presentment that a ditch in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from the house of one Mary Barnett to the dwelling-house of one Simon Alwin, is in great decay "to the great common annoyance of the church-path, leading to the parish church of Cheshunt," and that Mary Barnett ought to repair the same.

366. Presentment that a watercourse in the parish of Braughin, leading out of the highway through a piece of land called "Pumps land," was stopped up for want of scouring, and that John Collup, of Braughin, ought to repair the same.

368. Presentment that a common highway, called Stortford Lane, lying in the parish of Stondon, and leading from Stondon to the dwelling house of one Richard Hall, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Stondon ought to repair the same. (See No. 307).

369. Indictment of Thomas Harris, of Thorley, labourer, to appear and answer for molesting John Halcester, minister of the parish church of Thorley, as he was returning "from doing of his dutie in the said parish church, and also for creating a disturbance in the said church." (See also 217 & 252).

372. Indictment of Richard Barnard, late of Thatchworth (*sic* Datchworth?] for travelling with his horse and cart on the Sabboth day.

374. Presentment of Robert Carter, of Hodsdon, for exercising the trade of a grocer, not having served seven years as apprentice.

376. Presentment of certain persons (named) for unlawfully assembling in the parish of Weston.

393. Presentment that Thomas Baldin, of King's Langley, did erect one cottage at Great Gadsden without 4 acres of land assigned thereto.*

409. Presentment that a common highway in Baldock, leading from Stevenage to Biggleswade, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Baldock ought to repair the same.

419. Petition of William Bygrave, of Ashwell, labourer, praying for a pension from the maimed soldiers' fund (vacant by the death of William Searinge, of Wormley), and showing that he had served in the late wars in the State's service, under the command of Colonel Rochford at Edge Hill, and under Colonel Michell at Henley-upon-Thames.

423. Similar petition of William Cockerill, of Cheshunt. Shows that he was pressed for a soldier in the said parish, and went out under the command of Colonel Michell and Major Randall, and "at last" served under Colonel Bulstrood and Captain George Bauldwine, and was disbanded with the said regiment in 1646.

428. 13th August, 1658. Account of £6 10s. expended upon the repairing of Newbridge, lying within the hundred of Edwinstry, at the charge of the county.

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487. Information of Sarah Smith, widow of John Smith, of Little Hadham, gardener, deposing that she was with Frances, late wife of Samuel Rustat, at the time of her extremity, and being "strangely handled with great pain, wracking and torment, ... the said Francis did often say . . . . that if she died of that distemper that was then upon her, Goody Free was the cause of her death," being never well—as she declared—after she had bought a pennyworth of eggs of the said Goody Free, and especially after the said Goody had sent her son for the penny toward payment for his schooling and was disappointed, the said Samuel Rustat's, having no small money, as she said, at that time.

* Numerous like presentments in volume.

488. Information of Edward Samm, of Little Hadham, deposing that Samuel Rustat did say, weeping, (after the death of the said Frances and before her burial), "that the forementioned Alice Free had bewitched his wife to death; his wife said so." Martha Rockell, of Little Hadham, deposes that the said Samuel Rustat did say to the above Alice Free, after the death of his wife, and "while she lay by the walls, that he would take his oath that she had bewitched his wife to death."

500 & 505. Presentments of James Speller and Henry Saunders for the unlawful killing of deer at Little Hadham.

506. Presentment that a ditch in the parish of Stondon, adjoining a certain mead called "Fisher's Mead" is in great decay for want of scouring, and that John Collop, late of Puckeridge, ought to repair the same. (See No. 563).

514. Presentment that a certain watercourse lying in the common highway in the parish of Braughin is in great decay for want of "clensing and scouring," and that John Coleman, of Braughin, ought to repair the same.

515. Presentment that James Hare, of Bygrave, did convert one barn into a cottage for a habitation "without laying four acres of freehold land to the same."

518. Presentment that a common cart-bridge called Forde Bridge, in the parish of Braughin, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the whole county of Hertford ought to repair the same. (See No. 562.)

519. Presentment that a certain common highway lying in Layston, and leading from Great Hormead to Buntingford, called the Church Lane, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Layston ought to repair the same.

521. Presentment that Thomas Wharton, late of Wormley, did ditch and hedge up a certain common footpath in the parish of Broxborne in a field called "Tylers," leading from Wormeley West End to Hodsdon.

523. Presentment that a common footbridge, lying between the parishes of Ware and Stansted, leading over the brook

called "Easnybrooke," is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Ware ought to repair the same. (See No. 568).

524. Presentment that a common lane leading from Sandon and Buntingford, lying between the parishes of Buckland and Throcking, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Buckland and Throcking ought to repair the same. (See No. 566.)

537. Presentment that Francis Oxley, of Hemel Hempstead, did erect and set up, in the street of Hemel Hempsted, being in the common highway, a certain sign-post. (See No. 574.)

538. Presentment that Annie Rowlands, of Waltham Crosse, in the parish of Cheshunt, did "hold, use, or keep" a certain sink belonging to the messuage or tenement in her occupation, leading to the highway there, by reason of which the highway is much obstructed.

540. Presentment that a certain ditch lying next to Cheshunt Nunnery, in the parish of Cheshunt, between a meadow called Widdowhome and the Nunnery, leading to the Mill River, is in great decay, and that —— Bigge, of Cheshunt, ought to repair the same. (See No. 570.)

541. Presentment that John Warren, of Tharfield, did turn a common watercourse, lying in Reedend in the said parish, by the common highway leading from ——— Lane to Dane End.

545. Presentment that John Cotton did "hedge up the way" of a common footpath in the parish of Stevenage, near Barnedell Fieldgate, leading from Weston towards Stevenage.

557. Presentment that Thomas Hutchin, of Cheshunt, hath set up a stile in a lane called Drake Lane in the said parish.

566. Presentment that Anne Paine, wife of John Paine, of Stortford, cordwainer, did, on the 10th of April, 1659, disturb and molest the minister of the said parish church, as he was preaching, by talking to him.

567. 3rd Jan., 1658-9. Presentment of Henry Perryn, of Bishop's Stortford, innholder, "for breaking the pale of the Right Hon. Arthur, Lord Capell," and for killing one female deer there, to the value of £10.

570. Presentment that Thomas Bush, of Sabridgeworth, malster, kept a "false striker to measure corn in."

572. Presentment of Anne Rowland, of Waltham Cross, "for annoying the highway with the sink, issuing from her house." (See also No. 538). Also of Henry Luck, of "Braffin" (Braughin), "for annoying the highway, not carrying away the mould thrown out of his water-course in a lane commonly called Jorsall (?) Lane."

634. Recognizance of Richard Hale to appear and answer "for hunting of rabbits (?) in the night" in the park of Lord Salisbury.

636. Recognizance of Alice Free, wife of John Free, of Little Hadham, "to appear and answer to such things objected against her for matter of witchcraft." (See Nos. 487 & 488.)

679. Petition of John Dallom, otherwise Joyner, of Hitchin, praying that a pension may be granted to him, he having been impressed at Hitchin for service during the late wars under the Parliament and Commonwealth, during which service he received hurts which disable him from gaining a living.

680. Similar petition of Charles Dolling, of Essendon, he having an aged wife and two children to provide for; he was pressed into the service of the Parliament in 1644, under Capt. Numan Humfry, and was wounded by the enemy's horse.

682. Petition of the inhabitants of Sandon, praying that liberty may be granted to "Guiles Kellet," of the said parish (who has lately purchased a poor cottage that was many years since built on a common or green in the said parish, being his whole estate), to remain in that cottage during the lives of the said Guiles Kellet and his wife; after their "desease" the cottage to be utterly demolished.

687. Certificate that the structure lately erected by Mr. Mayo for the habitation of James Rea, his wife and children, is set up upon the waste ground of the manor of Berkhampsted, within the parish of Berkhampsted, and that the same building is not a fit place for any Christian to inhabit, having but one room and being upheld by small sticks

"thrust into the ground and not any timber about it, but is made of sticks," and is so low that the cattle may take the thatch from off it.

689. Certificate of John Fairclough and Richard Reynolds that they have viewed the highway in Baldock (that stands indicted for not being in sufficient repair) and that they find it in good and sufficient repair.

696. Order at Quarter Sessions, made on the petition of Sarah Wood, of Stanstead Abbot, that the Clerk of the Peace attend the Governors of the Hospital of Bethlem, at London, and represent it as the request of the justices, that they be pleased to take Thomas Wood, a lunatic, the husband of the petitioner, under their care.

704. Certificate by John Gore, J.P., to the Bench that John Sheppard and Benjamin Gumley, apprentices, the one to James Sitch, of Sabridgeworth, butcher, and the other to Thomas Russell, of the same, glasier, were brought before him, Sheppard charged with pilfering and stealing, and both with running away several times from their masters. Being so near the Sessions, Gore thought fit to send them thither, and adds, "I find Shepherd to be one of the most notorious rogues that ever I mett with, and to deserve the most severe punishment that the law doth inflict."

708. Charges for repairing "Brakin" Bridge—

	£	s.	d
Two days' horse and cart hire ...	0	16	0
One hundred planks	1	5	0
Piles, posts, and rails	0	9	4
For digging 6 loads of clay	0	2	0
Two-and-half days' work of a labourer	0	2	6
Carpenter's work	0	15	8
One great plank more...	0	3	0
Iron work for bridge	0	4	6
One load of herrecke and stone ...	0	1	0
Four loads of gravel	0	3	2
	£4	2	2

710. Letter addressed to Mr. Michell, at Wheathampsted—"By reason of your infirmitie you must forbeare from labour, violent motion and riding; your trouble will not admit any of these without very great danger. God bless you prays

Your friend and servant,

RIC. ADAMS."

711. The charge for the new pound (place not stated)—

	£	s.	d
18 posts at 4s. 6d. a post	4	1	6
For rails and gate	4	8	6
For workmanship	2	0	0
John Draper for carriage	0	2	6
2 loads of clay	0	5	4
4 ,, gravel	0	3	4
For 2 labourers	0	9	0
For iron work	0	5	2
	£11	15	4

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715. Order made (upon the complaint of John Field, of the parish of Paul's Waldon, that his apprentice, Joane Gilson, refused to stay with him and ran abroad without his leave), that the keeper of the House of Correction should take the said Joan Gilson into his custody and give her due correction, and keep her to work until further order.

725. Information of John Denisson, of Standon, clerk, that Robert Hart, of Thundridge, shoemaker, did use the following expressions: —"Thou are a drunkard, swearer, lyer, sabboth breaker, no minister of Jesus Christ, but a greedy dogge, a preacher of lyes and a leader of people into darkness, "and further, speaking of his Majesty he said, 'Your King,' not acknowledging him to be his king; and further saith that he had granted them the liberty of their conscience under his hand and seale. And speaking of the subjection to Kings he answered—"That he knew no power but God's, neither would he submit to any other power, the rest were but men and all alike in power."

729. Presentment that Joseph Browne, of the parish of All Saints, in the town of Hertford, did hedge up a common footpath, in the said parish, leading out of a common field into the highway.

730. Presentment that Thomas Smith, of Hemel Hempsted, did set up a sign-post in the common highway, adjoining a messuage called "the Angell."

731. Presentment that Nicholas Menminge, (?) late of Broxbourne, did hedge and stop up a footpath in the common highway in the parish of Hodsdon, leading from Hodsdon to the parish of Wormley. (See No. 789).

733 & 735-6. Presentments of certain persons, named, for entering Lord Capell's park at Little Hadham and stealing deer.

738. Presentment that James Whittingstall did make "a certain stable door out of a certain room in the occupation of the said James Whittingstall" into the churchyard of Hitchin aforesaid, to the great annoyance of the churchyard there.

739. Presentment that Edward Spicer, late of Stevenage, did hedge and stop up "2 foot" of the footpath in the common highway, leading from Stevenage to the church of Stevenage. (See No. 790).

744. Indictment of Ann Sickling, of Ware, widow, and Anne Packer, now the wife of Edward Packer, of the same, butcher, for standing as eavesdroppers, under the eaves of the dwelling-house of Joseph Scruby, of Ware, and for repeating what they heard there with the intention to sow strife and dissension between the said Joseph Scruby and his neighbour.

749. Presentment that Leonard Swetser, of Weston, did set up a gate and make a footpath in his orchard, leading into a close called "Bates," belonging to one Mary Bray, to the great damage of the said Mary. (See No. 790).

750. Presentment that Robert House, late of Ware, did keep "one mastiffie dogge" which dog "hath bitten divers persons of the kingdom which have occasion to pass the house of the said Robert." (See No. 789).

762. Presentment that two common footbridges lying in the parish of All Saints, in the town of Hertford, near the Beacon Heath, are in great decay, and the inhabitants of the parish of All Saints ought to repair the same. (See No. 283).

765. Indictment of the inhabitants of Watton, for digging clay at Watton, in the common highway there, leading to Walkerne.

766. Indictment of George Oliver, of Cottered, pantilemaker, for permitting evill rule and misdemeanours in his common victualling house there. He appeared and was discharged.

768. Indictment of the inhabitants of Braughin, for that a common cart bridge there is in decay. The said inhabitants ought to repair the same whenever necessary.

784. Presentment that the inhabitants of the parish of Braughin, "do not make and uphold a certain bridge, over a certain watercourse," in the highway at the further end of Dassell (?), in the said parish.

785. Presentment of Mr. Joseph Browne, of Hertford, for hedging up a footpath leading out of a common field into the highway; and of John Kilhoge [Kellogg?], of Hunsdon, for selling less than a quart of beer for a penny.

788. Presentment of Thomas Isaac, of Standon, for using the art of and trade of a grocer, not having served seven years as an apprentice.

791. Presentment of Richard Barber, of Hitchin, "inholder," for allowing "unlawful games at cards and dice in his dwelling-house." Similar presentment of John Izard, of Hitchin.

792. Presentment that a common highway leading out of Crossbrooke Street, into Albury in the parish of Cheshunt (being an ancient church way) is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

793. Presentments of Robert Romball and John Webster for fetching and carrying away loads of stones out of the parish of Reede, which were gathered for the amending of

the highways; and of John Cesar, Esq., and Mr. Andrew Willett, for not working on the highways with their teams.

794. Presentments of John Gimber, of Ware, for keeping and using a net, not being two inches and a-half in "mashe," and having no water of his own.

Also of John Kinge, of "Hartford," glover, for killing two trout under seven inches in length, in All Saints, in Hertford, in the river Lee.

Also of Thomas Medlicott, of Cheshunt, gent., for annoying the highway with a "sinke."

Also of David Chapman, and John Simson, of Cheshunt, late marsh wardens, for neglecting to cut the weeds and to scour the ditch belonging to the marsh called Waltham Crosse Hoppet, in the parish of Cheshunt.

796. Presentment of John Gooddwall, of Little "Barckcomsteed," Robert Cocke, Nicelas Wringe, and Robart Runnington, all of Chesthunt, for absenting themselves from their parish churches for the space of one month.

839. Recognizances of Robert Woolley, of Bishop's Hatfield, gardener, John Bareleggs, of the same, yeoman, and Thomas Avis, the younger, of the same, for the appearance of the said Robert Woolley and Susan, his wife, to answer a charge of abusing Joane Edwards, apprentice to the same Woolley.

851. Recognizances of Gilbert Stone, of Tring, surgeon, and Richard Elliott, of the same, yeoman, for the first named to answer a charge of carrying, keeping, and using a certain gun to destroy the King's game.

855. Recognizance of Gilbert Stone, of Tring, surgeon, to give evidence against Sir Richard Anderson, of Pendley, in the parish of Tring, baronet, and John Wilford, of the same place, the parish clerk, concerning their assaulting and beating him.

871. Petition of the churchwardens and inhabitants of the parish of Hatfield, setting forth that Steven Ewer, of Punsborne, refuses to pay three several assessments for the repair of the parish church, amounting in all to £3 7s. 1d., unless the parish will consent to repair Mr. Ewer's chapel adjoin-

ing the church. The said chapel is appropriate to him and he receives the benefit, both of the seats therein and its burying ground. The petitioners conceive that the repair of the chapel should be borne by him as owner, and that he should not be exempted from contributing his proper share of the parish taxes towards the repair of the said church. The petitioners also state that whereas Thomas Coningsby, esq., for two years held a farm in the said parish, for which he was proportionably rated, he, at Michaelmas last, removed, together with his family and all his goods to the parish of Northaw, though he retained the said farm until Lady-day last, and now refuses to pay the last three assessments levied on the said farm, amounting in all to £1 9s. 4d. Coningsby having no goods there the petitioners are unable to distrain. They beg an order of the court for the recovery of the said sums.

872. John Harlow, of Broxbourne, by his petition shows that Edward Bromley, ("a border" at Broxbourne for the sake of his health), was elected constable there for the current year, but having lately been made warden of the Company of Grocers in London he left Broxbourne, so that petitioner who has served the office of constable for a full year must continue in the same office, but having also been chosen as churchwarden, he begs to be relieved of the constableship.

873. Ann Furnace, a widow, petitions for relief. Her husband, Nicholas Furnace, went from Hertford to Oxford, and serving in the wars under the late King was killed. Petitioner has lost the use of her limbs; and her mother, who hitherto has supported her, is now very aged, and has but little means for keeping herself.

876. Anne Sadler, James Mason, high constable, and others, inhabitants of the parish of Standon, certify that John Denison, clerk, minister of the said parish, "is a painefull and profitable preacher of God's word, and a man of a sober pious, and peaceable life and conversation," and "an able and orthodox divine, an obedient son of the church, and a loyal subject to his Majesty."

877. Certificate signed by Ed. Radclyffe, Ri. Taverner, and many

others, inhabitants of Hitchen, that William Stampeer, of Hitchen, "hath a long tyme lived amongst us, and quietly and peaceably behaved himself towards his neighbours, and is of honest and godly conversation, not given to quarrellinge or contendinge, or to provokinge language which might raise any contencion."

879. Orders at Sessions:—

(1) That the county raise £25 to repair Wadesmill Bridge.

(2) That Joane Edwards, an apprentice, be discharged of her apprenticeship from Robert Woolley, of Bishop's Hatfield, and that forty shillings be, within this fortnight, paid to the overseers of Hatfield and all the apprentice's apparel.

882. Gaol Calendar:—Morgan Watkins, James Gray, Robert Fagerman, Anthony Crouch, John Smith, John Thourougood, Phillip Williamson, James Osbourne, Joseph Holland, Michael Dennis, and Nicholas Lucas, were taken at an unlawful assembly, and refused to take the oath of allegiance.

883. A bill for repairs to Wadesmill bridge.

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900. A footpath out of repair in Chesthunt ought to be repaired by John Jennings, gent.

271. Indictment of Richard Barber, of Hitchin, innholder, for allowing cards to be played in his house.

273. Indictment of Thomas Pratt, gentleman, and Peter White, "cordwinder," and —— Kingston, widow, all of Cheshunt, for enclosing with ditches and hedges, a common way for carts and carriages, leading from the common field called the Downs to another common field called Sharpscroft Downs.

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1661.

9. 15th January. Recognizance of John East, of Caddington,

yeoman, and John Seare, of Studham, co. Bedford, "boddyes-maker," for the appearance of the first-named.

42. Recognizance of John Grapes and Joan Whittlock to appear and answer touching the "venting" of wares by false weight.

43. Similar recognizance of John Feast, touching the venting of "unsound flesh" by false weight. (See also No. 78.)

45. Recognizance of William Bass, alehouse-keeper, to appear and answer concerning his suffering unlawful games in his house.

62. Information of Elizabeth, wife of Richard Godfrey, of Broxborne, deposing that on the 21st Jan., "her girl came in to her crying and told her that Andrew Camp was dragging Goodwife Bailey out of her house," and that his wife was scratching her as she went out. When asked why they so abused the old woman, they said their child was bewitched by her. The deponent then told them that if she had done any such thing the law would see them righted, whereupon they let her go.

63. Information of Frances Bailey, of Broxborne, widow, deposing that Andrew Camp, of the said parish, "dragged her out of her own house into the street over a stone that bruised her back, and when he had her in the street he pinched her and kneeled upon her breast, and when he had her so under him his wife came and clawed her by the face and said she would claw her eyes out of her head, and her tongue out of her mouth, and called her a d——d w—— old witch." But for the interference of Goodwife Godfrey the deponent fears that they would have done her more harm.

65. 25th April. Information of treasonable words spoken by Edward Stone. Hearing guns fired at the Coronation he said, "If ever the Devil is abroad, he is abroad now," etc.

67. Information of William Brown, aged 73 years, touching the Fludgate Bridge at Ware West Mill. The deponent lived with one Mr. John Leonard, who "ought" [owned] the mill there for three years and knew the said Leonard ought to repair the said bridge at his own cost during that time.

68. Information of William Brown, the elder, of Bengeo, aged 73 years, deposing that about 1593 no bridge existed but a small footbridge about 2 rods from the bridge in question, but that about 1606 Mr. Leonard built a bridge for horses to go over, and that during the time of the said John Leonard no repair was needed. He remembers no repairs being done except by Mr. Bromley.

George Tyler, aged 71, deposes that about 1600 he used to carry corn over a little footbridge about 2 rods from the bridge in question, but that about 5 years later Mr. Leonard built a bridge for horses to go over, and he remembers no repair being done except by Mr. Bromley.

72. Presentment that a ditch at Polehill, in the parish of Sabridgworth is, from want of scouring, an annoyance to persons passing from Sabridgworth to Stanstead, and that Benjamin How, the younger, ought to repair the same.

73. Presentments of Jeremy Burrall, minister of All Saints', Hertford, for not reading the book of Common Prayer in the church on the Sabbath day. (See also No. 79); and of numerous persons, named, for not attending their parish church on the Sabbath day.

74. Presentments of John Stratton, of Yardley, for "heding up a stile in Yardley which the anchient church path, to Yardley Church from Luffell Hall, led over between the closes of Wiliam Harlowe and the said John Stratton, commonly called Cuppers Close and New Close."

Also of John Payne, of Bishop's Stortford, "vicker," for not reading "the book of Common Prayer and divine service the last Lord's Day."

75. Presentments of Thomas Topkin, of Cheshunt, for making an encroachment on the highway by the setting up of several "pales." (See Nos. 98 and 236); and that a footpath in the parish of Cheshunt, leading to Alburye is out of repair, and that John Jennings ought to repair the same.

79. Presentment that the parishioners of Amwell have not repaired a certain footbridge, leading from Ware into a meade called "Crane Meade," which is in great decay.

82. Presentment of several persons named for refusing to "lodge travellers" brought to them by the constables.

92. Indictment of John Stratten, of Yardley, for blocking up an ancient stile there, being in the old path leading from Luffen Hall, Yardley, towards Yardley church, between the close of William Harlow and his own close, commonly called Cupper's Close, and New Close.

93. Indictment of Jeremiah Burwell, clerk, parson, rector, and minister, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for not using the book of Common Prayer. (See also No 151 & 354).

96. Indictment of John Jennings, of Chesthunt, gent., for stopping up (?) and not repairing a certain footpath leading from Chesthunt towards Albury.

98. Indictment of Thomas Topkins, of Chesthunt, for setting up a common "lession" in the highway there with pales. (See Nos. 75 & 236).

100. Indictment of John Payne, of Bishop's Stortford, vicar and parson of the church, and rector and minister of the parish, for not using the book of Common Prayers.

102 & 103. Presentment of John Founch, otherwise Fynch, of Hemel Hempstead, shoemaker, then being constable of the said parish, for selling shoes on Sunday.

104. Presentment of Doctor Josias Martin, of Hemel Hempstead, for assaulting John Founch, one of the constables of the said parish, whilst in the execution of his office.

105. Indictment of John Simons, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for refusing to attend Divine service.

108. Indictment of William Hale, rector and minister of the parish church of Great Hollinbury, for not repairing an ancient common footpath leading from Sabridgworth towards Bishop's Stortford, which is greatly decayed.

109. Indictment of John Roddington, of Sabridgworth, yeoman, for making an encroachment in the common highway in the parishes of Sabridgworth and Gilston with "strawes and earth."

110. Indictment of Elizabeth Waterman, of Gilston, widow, for making an encroachment in the common highway there with logs and timber.

111. Indictment of the inhabitants of Great Hadham, for not repairing a common foot and horse bridge, leading from Widford towards Great Hadham, which is in great decay, and should be repaired by the said inhabitants.

112. Indictment of Elizabeth Waterman, of Gilston, widow, for suffering evil rule in her victualling house and for selling tobacco there.

113. Indictment of John Knolton, of Long Marston for that, being one of the surveyors of that parish, he neglected to perform the duties of the office.

114. Indictment of George Bromley, the younger, of Ware, for not repairing a common foot and horse bridge in the parish of Bengeo, in the highway there.

115. Indictment of Charles Waterman, of Sabridgworth, for filling in a watercourse in a place there called Worthend.

116. Indictment of John King, of Hertford, grocer, for forestalling the unthreshed corn of Richard Fordham, lately growing in the fields at Hertingfordbury, with the purpose of re-selling the same.

117. Indictment of Marmaduke Tennant, of Tharfield, clerk, rector, and minister of that parish, for refusing to use the book of Common Prayer.

118. Indictment of Thomas Herrick, of Hertford, brasier, for forestalling twenty acres of wheat and rye, late growing at "Benieo," with the intention of re-selling the same.

119. Indictment of Thomas Gandey [Gaudey?], of Ware, gent., for keeping a school there without the licence of George, bishop of London, or of his ordinary.

120. Indictment of Anthony Crouch, of Hertingfordbury, yeoman, and Thomas Prior, of Hertford, maltgrinder, for forestalling, at Hertingfordbury, the corn of Richard Fordham, of the same, with intent to sell the same again.

121. Indictment of William Brandon, of Putenham, weaver, and Francis Olyer, of Astrup, in the parish of Putenham, for that, being surveyors of the highways there, they neglected to perform their duty.

122. Indictment of the inhabitants of Amwell, for not repairing a common footbridge there, in the road leading from Ware, in a certain meadow there called Crememead.

124. Indictment of Rowland Freind, of Bushey, for encroaching upon a common footpath there, leading towards the church, with bushes.

128. Indictment of William Herbert, of Meesden, for keeping John Oliver, as an inmate in his mansion house there.

130. Indictment of John Freeman, of Harpenden, yeoman, for not performing his duties as co-headborough of that place.

132. Indictment of Elizabeth Law, of Harpenden, for making an illegal fence in the highway, leading from Harpenden towards a place there called Church Long Croft, in the same parish.

133. Indictment of Thomas Medlicot, of Chesthunt, for refusing to attend Divine service.

145. Indictment of Charles Turner, of Watton, inkeeper, for refusing to receive travellers when so required by the constable of the said parish.

165. Indictment of Elizabeth Crowder, of Layston, spinster, William Wood and Henry Wood, both of the same, labourers, for making a ditch at Throcking, in a certain foot and cart-way in a field there, called How-wood field, leading from Risden and Throcking towards Buntingford.

167. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Layston, for not repairing a common cart and horse-way there, near the lower end of a close called Jamese's Close and the upper end of the orchard of Henry Edrydge.

227. Petition of the inhabitants of Longmarston, in the parish of Tring, showing that a presentment had been made by their constable, that the surveyor of the highways had neglected his office, and that the highways were much out of repair.

The petitioners admit that the highways are out of repair, but show that the number of the inhabitants of the hamlet is so small, and the distance for fetching the materials for amending the highways so great, that it is impossible to repair them; they also say that almost half the hamlet is pasture ground much of which doth no service, "and this year the great mortallity of our horse hath much disabled us; but those of us whose horse have stood to helth have done our service." The petitioners pray that the justices will grant them some help towards the repairing of the highways.

232. Petition of John Cooley, of Ware, praying that a pension may be allowed him, he having served his late Majesty during the war, under the command of Sir John Watts, at Colchester, during which time he received such injuries as prevent him from earning a livelihood.

236. Certificate by various persons that the "porch and paile" erected by Thomas Tomkins, of Turner's Hill, in the parish of Cheshunt, standing about 4 feet from his door upon the waste," "is no offence or prejudice to the neighbourhood."

237. Certificate dated at Thorley that the common footpath in Highfield, for which Mr. Hale was presented, is now made good.

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267. Recognizance of John Clarke, alehouse-keeper, to appear and answer concerning his suffering unlawful games in his house.

272. Recognizance of Josias Martin, of Hemel Hempstead, to appear and answer, touching a tax assessed upon him towards the charges of the constable of the said parish.

273. Similar recognizance of John Bysouth of the same parish

279. Recognizance of Anthony Gray for his appearance to answer his contempt of an order made for the relief of the parish of Sandon, for discharging Jeffrey Salmon, a lunatic, who had been his servant. (See No. 462).

308. Presentment that a certain common way or lane leading from

Stondon to Bromley, and thence to Great Hadham, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Stondon ought to repair the same.

309. Presentment of numerous persons named, for neglecting to attend their parish church on the Sabbath Day. Presentment of Robert Prior for "prophaning" the Sabboth Day by carrying dung.

310. Presentment that the common highway, leading from the town of Much Hadham to a certain green called Fowle Green, and to the market town of Stortford, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Much Hadham ought to repair the same.

312. (1) Presentment that John Reddington, of Sabrigdworth, did obstruct the highway by "laying of straw and gathering earth, and laying it up in heaps in the highway in the parishes of Sabridgworth and Gilgow."

(2) That a foot and horse bridge at Bengoe [on the road] leading from Ware to Watton is out of repair, and that George Bromley ought to repair the same.

(3) That Elizabeth Waterman laid logs and timber in the highway, to the hindrance of people passing that way.

314. Presentments that a footway lying between Sabridgworth and Storford, in the parish of Thorley, is "gulled" with water, being dangerous to people passing that way, and that Mr. William Hale, "minister of Much Hollinbury," ought to repair the same; and of Charles Waterman, of Sabridgworth, for stopping up a common watercourse, in a place called Northend, in Sabridgworth.

315. Presentment that a common foot and horse bridge, on the road leading from Wilford (*sic*) to Much Hadham, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Much Hadham ought to repair the same.

316. Presentment of Mathew Tompkins, of the parish of Buntingford Westmill, for killing and dressing "divers bullocks, oxen, and steers" on the Sabbath Day, which is "a breach of the Sabbath."

317. Presentments that Thomas Gardiner, clarke of the parish of Cottered, did not read the book of Common Prayer, "nor hath at any time read the same since the coming of our Lord King Charles the Second;" and of William Crawley, of Kimpton, for harbouring an inmate.

318. Presentments of the grand jury :—

(1) William Green, miller, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, in the liberty of St. John's, for "annoying" the meadow, called the Kings Meadow, with a watercourse or ditch, lying between the said meadow and a common field there, called the "Stant," (?) whereby part of the said meadow is spoilt; and also for enclosing a "great parcel" of land, about one acre, from the common, called Grant.

(2) Joan Whitlock, John Gapes, and John Feast, of Hadham Magna, for selling bread and other wares by false weights.

(3) John King, of Hertford, grocer, for buying the crop of corn of one Richard Fordham, growing upon the ground in the parish of Hartingfordbury, not then having a lease of the land as an engrosser.

(4) Thomas Herrick, of Hertford, brasier, for buying 27 acres of wheat and rye from the ground of one George Heath, in the parish of Ware, growing in the parish of Bengoe, not having a lease of the land.

(5) Anthony Crouch, of Hartingfordbury, and Thomas Prior, of Hertford, malt-grinder, for buying the crop of corn of the said John King, the second time, as engrossers.

(6) Jeremiah Burwell, clerk, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for not reading Divine service for three months past.

(7) Numerous persons named for not attending church on the Sabbath Days.

319. The inhabitants of Hadham Magna for not repairing the common highway, leading from Hadham to Stortford.

320. Presentment of Richard Kilby, of Flamstead, wheeler, for digging a ditch in Flamstead street, in the highway.

322. Presentment that a common footbridge, lying in the parish of Great Amwell, leading from Hunsdon and Stanstead towards Amwell, called "High Bridge" is broken down and impassable, and that the parish of Great Amwell ought to repair the same.

Numerous presentments for not attending Divine service.

323. Presentment that a certain ditch in the parish of Gravely, in the street there, is in great decay, causing the highway to be impassible, and that the parishioners of Gravely ought to repair the same.

324. Presentment of John Tuffnel, of Kimpton, for erecting two new cottages in the said parish without having laid to each four acres of freehold land.

328. Indictment of Mathew Tompkins, of Buntingford, butcher, for killing and dressing flesh on the Sabbath Day.

333. Indictment of William Green, of the parish of All Saints, in the liberty of St. John, in Hertford, for making an encroachment in a meadow there, called the "King's Meadow" in the said parish with a watercourse or ditch between the said meadow and a place there called Le Stant.

352. Indictment of Thomas Gardiner, clerk, rector, and minister, of Cottered, for refusing to use the book of Common Prayer.

354. 12 Jan., 1662. Presentment of Jeremiah Burwell, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, clerk, for the same offence. Bill ignored. (See Nos. 93, 151, and 363).

355. Indictment of Thomas Clarke, George Oswell, and John Cooke, all of Bishop's Stortford, butchers, for selling "flesh-meate" during Lent.

363. 27 April, 1662. Presentment of Jeremiah Burwell (as in 354).

373. Indictment of the inhabitants of Little Amwell for not repairing the highway there, leading from a place called Bush Green to the high way between Great Amwell and Hoddesdon.

375. Indictment of the inhabitants of Layston for not repairing a foot bridge there, in a place called River Greene.

380. Indictment of Richard Goodman, of Hertford, malster, for stealing the timber and ironwork of the beacon at Hertford Heath which had fallen down.

381. Indictment of Edward Camp, of ———, for higgling without a license.

382. Indictment of the inhabitants of Throcking, for not repairing a highway leading from Buntingford towards Chipping (*sic*).

388. Indictment of the county for not repairing an ancient common cartbridge called Fordbridge, in the parish of Braughin, in the highway there, between Puckeridge and Barkway.

389. Indictment of Henry Lawrence, of St. Margaret, esquire, for making a ditch in the highway called Twitchells, leading from a place called Hayley towards Hertford and Ware.

390. Indictment of the county for not repairing an ancient common bridge called New Bridge, in the parish of Westmill, leading from Puckeridge to Buntingford.

406. Presentment of Edmond Godwyn, clerk, rector, and minister of the parish of Eastwick, for not conducting Divine service there for the space of two years.

423. Presentment of Thomas Gardiner, clerk, rector, and minister of the parish of Cottered, for not reading the book of Common Prayer.

442. Indictment of Richard Chesam, of Bishop's Hatfield, for not attending church.

462. Order signed by Henry Chauncy, the younger, esq., that Anthony Gray should keep and maintain one Jeffrey Salmon, his servant, who has become sick and subject to "strange fits of lunacy" until the "full end and expiration of the term of his said service."

464. Report of three justices of the peace:—

Whereas at the General Sessions of the Peace, held 26th April, 1661, it was ordered by the Court, that the matter in controversy, touching the remainder of the robbery moneys, concerning one Ralph Bennett, charged upon Nathaniell Coles, then late one of the petty constables of Cheshunt,

should be referred to the justices within the division of the Hundreds of Hertford, or any three of them, as to the reimbursement to the said Coles of £47 16s. 6d. charged upon him touching the same.

The said justices were desired to report their opinion therein to the court, whether the said sum should be charged upon the whole hundred of Hertford, or the parish of Cheshunt, and that in the meantime the Lady Elizabeth Rawden and John Armstrong were desired by the said court to stay their suits-in-law depending upon the same.

"Now we do certify that we have examined and seriously considered of the said matters to us referred, and we do find that the said robbery was committed on the 19th December, 1649, and that the judgement had and obtained for the said robbery moneys was about Michaelmas Term, 1650, at which time Theobalds House and Park was in the actual possession of the then Parliament, so called, or those that derived an interest and authority from them as trustees to them, and was not in the possession of any particular person or persons in his or their rights, as to us appears by deed, dated 4th March, 1651. And that £33 15s. 2d., part of the £47 16s. 6d., was charged upon the said house and park as an addition to the parish of Cheshunt. And that the said Nathaniell Coles was only one of the petty constables of Cheshunt long after the said robbery, judgement, execution and distress thereupon made, and that several petty constables intervened between the said judgement and him, to whom order was given by the justices for the collecting of the rates upon the judgement.

"And we do think fit that the said Nathaniell Coles, according to the order of sessions, be reimbursed the sum of £47 16s. 6d. charged upon him touching the said robbery in manner following, *i.e.*, £33 15s. 2d., formerly laid on Theobalds House and Park, be laid upon the whole hundreds of Hertford and not upon the parish of Cheshunt alone. And that order be issued out from this court to the high constables of the hundred of Hertford for collecting it accordingly. Also that order be given from the sessions

that the now constables of Cheshunt for Waltham Cross Ward, with the assistance of the said Nathaniell Cole, do collect and gather the £14 1s. 4d. upon those persons who were returned defaulters and have not yet paid their assessment towards the said robbery, and upon their refusal their goods to be collected by way of distress and sale. All of which we declare and certify as our opinion and judgements."

475. Bill for Wardsmell (*sic*) bridge :—
100 feet of plank, at 3½d. a foot.
16 gravell pieces and joyces, all of a scantling.
12 foote longe a peece, at 4d. foot.
For carting the timber from Ware to Wardsmell, 15s.
For iron work for the bridge, £1 8s. 2d.
For carpenters work and labourers work, £4 11s. 6d.
For a day's work of a cart to carry clay to the bridge, 8s.
For work done to the bridge before, 12s.
Sum total—£25 10s. 4d.

476. Memoranda of persons who are "annabaptists, independents, and quakers, who were gathered together to bury an old man in an orchard" contrary to law, etc., and refused to yield obedience to a warrant sent by Thomas Arris, esq., justice of the peace :—John Branly, James Robson, John Woods, Thomas Meere, Thomas Halsey, otherwise Chambers, James Field, and Nicholas Chibber. Also a list of those persons who refused the oath of allegiance :—Thomas West, Ebenezer Gollage, John Winchester, Thomas Harris, and Roger Cooper.

479. Memoranda in pursuance of an order—(*vide* No. 464), concerning the robbery money in controversy ; the town of Great Amwell was to pay £2 5s. 4d., and the town of Hoddesdon, £3 6s. 2d. This they refuse to do.

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386. March 22, 1661-2. Certificate by Capt. Thomas Willoughby, that William Toone, of St. Albans, was, for the space of two years, a soldier under his command in the Earl of Northampton's regiment and loyally, faithfully and manfully performed his duty.

32. April 14, 1662. Order of Richard Goulston and Henry Chauncy, justices of the peace.

Whereas upon the examination of John Bull, labourer, we find that he was lately a settled inhabitant in the parish of Aspeden, and has since unduly removed himself into the parish of Layston, where he has obscured himself in a cottage about the space of three months last past, unknown to the inhabitants, until exigency and necessity compelled him to crave their charity and relief, to the burthening of the parish of Layston; it is, therefore, ordered, that unless the inhabitants of Aspeden show good cause at the next quarter sessions why they should not receive the said John Bull, and set him on work or otherwise relieve him, the constables of Layston shall forthwith convey him to Aspeden.

87. May 9, 1662. Certificate by the Earl of Essex, William Willye, and Thomas Lingen, that Richard Asser has, since the year 1641, faithfully served King Charles I. till the siege of Colchester, without ever serving the contrary party, first under Capt.-Lieut. Sir John Smith, till his death, then under the command of Sir Henry Lingham [Lingen ?], in the county of Hereford, for four years as a trooper, and afterwards under Lord Capel, at Colchester, and at the battle of Worcester under Capt. Leach.

388. June 17, 1662. Certificate by William Chamberleyn, Robert Napey and William Grove, that Richard Wilkes, of Rickmansworth, co. Hertford, was a soldier in the service of Charles I. in the regiment and troop of Sir John Digby, sometime sergeant-major-general, and afterwards under the command of Colonel William Chamberleyn, colonel by succession to Sir John Digby, and that he has ever been, and is, truly loyal. The said William Wilkes being now indigent they recommend him for some employment and a pension.

31. June 21, 1662. Hampton Court. Warrant signed by King Charles II., directing the justices of the peace to recommend fit persons to farm the duty of excise upon ale and beer for three years. It states that a moiety of the excise was granted to the Crown in lieu of the profits of the Court of Wards and Liveries, tenures *in capite* and by knights service,

and all manner of purveyance and provisions for the King's household. The whole excise was then valued at 300,000*l.*, but now produces only 280,000*l.*, which the King consents to accept for three years.

442. 23rd June, 1662. Southampton House. Thomas, Earl of Southampton, and Anthony, Lord Ashley, to the Justices of the Peace for the county of Hertford, "to be presented to them at the next generall sessions to be holden for the said county.

"Although the management of his Majesty's revenue doth most properly belong to us in respect of our place, yet it is the duty of every good subject (especially those of your trust and quality) to be aiding and furthering thereunto. And this makes us very freely and friendly to communicate with you by letter about the same.

"You may perceive by his Majesty's own letters, his late and perticuler care of one great braunch of it, the excise, which, as he would have duely answered, soe he would have it managed with the most content that it is possible to those that pay it, it being at the same time likewise remembered that this revenue is settled by law; and therefore the usuall discouragements which attend payments of this nature, [is] not soe to be hearkened unto as to divert those receipts that are expended for the support of the publique peace and advantage of the kingdome. The two houses of parliament, in the first settlement of this revenue, pointed out the way of farming that is now proposed in his Majesty's letters herewith sent you, and that this might be in the hands of such as were best knowne unto the country, and so likeliest to govern it to their content.

"Which course being now pursued, wee shall pray you as an evidence of your good affection to his Majesty's service, (whereof wee have noe cause to doubt), that you will not in any respect be byass'd in your recommendations of any person or persons to be farmers, but make a retorne of such as, in your judgment, are not onely responsive but will exactly performe and make good the rate which we have moderated and made soe lowe that we have onely sett on your county the summe of four thousand

three hundred pounds, although we have higher offers if we would treate with any before we receive your resolution.

"And for those rumours of abuse and deceipte in the present sub-commissioners you may perceive by his Majesty's letter that he would not willingly have any officers prejudiced in their reputation without first having their case fully examined, he reteyninge of many of them a good impression from their former services; yett, not inclineing to have any shelter themselves under his gratious opinion to the prejudice of his owne revenue or the countrye's concerne, hath therefore enabled divers persons that desired it to examine the former accompte before the yeare 1660. And when those present sub-commissioners have finished their accompte he will doe the like by them, if you, in your judgments, advis it, or any other persons offer grounds and reasons for it. And in the meane time his Majesty expects from you that you give all assistance to his officers in the present management of this revenue, they conforming themselves to the Acte whereby it is graunted.

389. June 24, 1662. Certificate by Col. Charles Fowke, that John Hickman was a trooper under his command, in the service of Charles I. for more than three years, and behaved himself as "became an honest, loyal and stout soldier."

381. July 14, 1662. Petition of William Catlin and the rest of the surveyors of the highways in the parish of Hatfield to the justices of the peace. It states that the highway leading from the north towards London, and extending five miles in length through the said parish, is much out of repair, notwithstanding all the inhabitants perform their service in the repair of the roads, but the inhabitants of Newgate Street Ward refuse to do any service under the pretence that they had not formerly any service therein, but in their own private lanes. The petitioners therefore pray that the inhabitants of Newgate Street Ward may be ordered to assist in the repair of the said great road as other inhabitants do.

139. July 14, 1662. Recognizance for the appearance of John Street, of Hoddesdon, to answer for exercising the mystery

or art of painting, without having been apprenticed seven years.

155-159. Alehouse and victuallers' recognizances.

391. July 23, 1662. Certificate by Thomas Cowley and Thomas Arris, that William Toone, of St. Albans, formerly lived in the town of St. Albans, in good fashion, but since the late unhappy wars, wherein he faithfully served Charles I., he has fallen into great decay and want, and through decay of his limbs and sight and other imperfections, is not able to acquire his livelihood. He is "truly loyal and indigent," and has never deserted his Majesty or his blessed father's service during the late times of rebellion and usurpation. They therefore recommend him as a fit object of relief amongst the rest of the King's indigent soldiers.

277-279. 1662. Indictment of many persons for riot at Hemel Hempstead on 23rd May, 1662. The cause of the riot is not stated.

288. 1662. Presentment that a common way in the parish of Stondon, leading from Stondon to a place called Bromley and thence to Much Hadham, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Stondon ought to repair the same.

297. 1662. Presentment that a common highway leading from Much Hadham towards Fowle Green and Stortford, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Much Hadham ought to repair the same.

395. [1662]. Certificate by Ralph Basshe and Thomas Rawdon, that Richard Holding, of Hoddesdon, farrier, faithfully served Charles I. under the command of Sir Marmaduke Roydon and Col. Thomas Roydon, both as farrier and soldier. He has not a sufficient livelihood, and since the King's return has not obtained any reward, office, or employment.

394. [1662]. Certificate by Robert Lexington and others, that John Coxe, of Broxbourne, baker, served in the army of Charles I. under the command of Sir Lewis Dives and Col. Nevill, and afterwards at Newark-upon-Trent, under the command of Capt. Mason, until that garrison was surrendered into the hands of the prevailing party; since which time he has been

diligent to promote his Majesty's designs, and has suffered great loss, to the ruin of himself, his wife and children. They recommend him for relief.

393. [1662]. Certificate by the churchwardens of Widford and others, that George Hills and Elizabeth, his wife, of Widford, do not frequent private meetings, but attend Divine service in their own parish church.

392. [1662.] Certificate by John Taylor that John Ederidge, of Buntingford, served Charles I. in the garrison of Colchester, as a trooper under the command of Arthur, Lord Capel, where he behaved himself manfully and received certain wounds, to his prejudece and suffering even to this day.

382. [1662]. Petition of Edward Carter, minister of St. Michael's, and others, to the Commissioners for the relief of Maimed Soldiers, etc., that Anne Pritchard, relict of Cornet William Pritchard, who was slain in the King's service at Cheriton Down, be given a pension, "so that the relict of him perish not for want, who zealously spent the last drop of bloud in the defence of his late Majesty."

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396. January 18, 1662-3. Certificate that Robert Feene served Charles I. as a private soldier under Capt. Pierce Butler, and afterwards as trooper in Col. Richard Graces' troop, in Prince Rupert's regiment of horse, "and deported himself very constant, loyal and faithful from the very beginning of the wars of England till the royal party were quite extinct."

570. Recognizance of Henry Walker and John Clarke, to appear and give evidence against John Samms, a prisoner, concerning his being at an unlawful assembly "with certain people called quakers."

589. Recognizance taken at Chelmsford (*sic*) of William Tadgell, to appear and answer concerning his unlawful hunting and coursing of deer in the night time, in the park of the Earl of Essex, called Hadham Park.

602. Recognizance of Thomas Kempton, licensed to keep an alehouse in the house where he now dwelleth at North Hall. "He shall not suffer any unlawful play at the tables, dice, cards, tennis, bowles, chesse, coyts, or other unlawful games" in his house, outhouse, garden, orchard, or other part of his grounds, nor dress, nor cause to be dressed, any flesh to be eaten upon any day forbidden by the laws and statutes, nor shall he suffer any persons to remain in his house, not being of his household family, upon any Sunday or holy day during the time of Divine service, nor shall he suffer any persons to lodge in his house above one day and one night, without delivering their true name to the constable of the parish the day following; and he shall not suffer on his premises "any rogues, vagabonds, or idle persons."

605. Recognizance of John Duke to appear and give evidence against William Tadgell, charged with hunting unlawfully in the Earl of Essex's park.

621 and 622. Numerous presentments for not attending church on the Sabbath Day.

623. Presentment of the inhabitants of Wormley for not repairing their highway, leading from London to Hodsdon, in Wormley Street.

624. Presentments at the general sessions, 13 July, 1663:—

Robert Parker, of Wallso (?), surveyor of the highways, for not repairing the highway leading from Dunstable to Royston.

Thomas Hanscombe, of Ickleford, for not coming in with his team to amend the highway. (See also No. 713).

Edward Ansell for being behind four days with his team to amend the highways.

Oliver Jackson for being five days behind with his team to amend the highways.

George Cox, of Little Barkhampstead, for "annoying the highway" by throwing up a ditch in "Great Sprods Fields."

Thomas Hanscomb, of Ickleford, for spoiling a common footpath, leading from Henlow to Hitchin. (See also No. 711).

626. Presentment of George Shepheard, of Braughin, for not scouring his ditch between Prescott and Thundridge Deane, "about twenty rodd" in the highway, leading from Braughin to Bishop's Stortford. (See also No. 707).

630. Presentment that a footbridge [over Esney Brook] on the way leading from Stanstead to Ware, is in a very dangerous condition for want of repair (it being the only market foot-path), and that Richard Bray, of Stanstead Abbott, ought to repair the same. (See also No. 740).

Presentment of Francis Wells, of Wormley, for digging for gravel near the Pye Corner in Amwell fields, so near the church path and market path that it is dangerous for any person to pass that way. (See also No. 731).

Presentment that a highway called Hogescoate Lane in the parish of Bengeo, near the common highway between Ware and Baldocke, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of Bengeo ought to repair the same. (See also No. 732).

631. Presentment of John Burnap, of Stanstead, malster, for using the trade of a grocer for twelve months without having served seven years' apprenticeship to the trade, according to the statute.

633. Presentment of the inhabitants of Great Hormead, for not repairing a certain highway lying between a close called "Eastleyes" and a close called "Long Crofts," abutting east upon Huddiballe Green, leading from Brent Pelham to Buntingford. (See also No. 688).

634. Indictment of John Kensey, William Bayley, Ebeneazar Gollage, Thomas Harris, Thomas West, Roger Cowper, and John Winchester, all of Hertford, yeomen, for refusing to take the oath of obedience according to the statute of 3 James I.

635. Indictment of Elizabeth Waller, now the wife of Ralph Curtis, of Sabridgworth, for perjury.

636. Indictment of John Hurst, of Haverhill, in co. Essex, gent., lord of the manor, for neglecting to erect a pound at Baldock, as it is found that he ought to do, and to keep the same in repair.

637. Indictment of John Daniel, of Stondon, for not repairing a watercourse in a field called Coulored Field, in Stondon, in the highway leading from the said field to Stondon.

655. Indictment of Dyonisius Kempe, of Sabridgworth, locksmith, for entering the mansion house of George Gladdin there, and threatening him and his wife Joan, and for assaulting the said George.

657. Indictment of the county for not repairing a common cart bridge called Ford Bridge, in the parish of Braughin.

686. Indictment of Thomas Crawley, of Hemelhempsted, husbandman, and Anna Crawley, of the same, widow, for putting up a shed next to the mansion house there of Jonathan Pratt, of the same place, so as to obstruct the light formerly enjoyed.

691-706. Presentments for not attending church.

719-726. Like presentments.

727. Presentment of Thomas Holder, otherwise Spicer, of Hitchen, cordwainer, for selling shoes on the Lord's Day.

728. Presentment of Joan, wife of Henry Evenit, of Buckland, for being a common barratrix.

736. Indictment of Thomas Sell for not scouring a ditch in the highway leading from Hadham Mill towards Hadham Cross.

755. Confession of John Mogges, that he went into the shop of Tobyas Greene, of Ware, blacksmith, to warm himself by the fire, and, seeing his opportunity, he took away several parcels of old iron, but he knows not of what weight or value they were. (See also Nos. 756 & 757).

774. The examination of several persons named, touching the ancient custom for the repairing of the highways of Ramwicke, in the parish of Ickleford. (See Nos. 785, 788, & 791).

784. Whereas the inhabitants of the county stand indicted for not repairing a certain common bridge called New Bridge, in the parish of Westmill, it is ordered by the court that Richard Goulston, esq., one of the justices, be desired to examine what money will be necessary to be raised for the

repairing of the said bridge. It is further ordered that the treasurer for maimed soldiers for the county do pay unto the said Mr. Goulston what money he shall think fit to appoint for the repairing thereof.

785. Order that the matter touching the repair of the highway in the hamlet of Ramrick, in the parish of Ickleford, be referred to Sir Brockett Spencer, bart., justice of the peace, and Ralph Ratcliffe, esq., who are desired to call before them the said parties and their witnesses and to examine whether the custom be that the surveyors of the highways of Ickleford ought to send their inhabitants who work in the highways yearly, to work two days in the year in gathering of stones in the said hamlet towards the repair of the said highways. They are to report their opinion at the next general sessions. (See Nos. 774 & 788).

788. Certificate by the above two justices that they "cannot find otherwise but that it hath been a long-continued custome for the inhabitants of Ickleford to gather stones two days in every year for and towards the repair of the said highways." (See Nos. 774, 785, & 791).

789. 22 December, 1663. Conviction of John Piggott, of Clothall, and others, for riotously disseising Thomas Newcomin, D.D., rector of the parish church of Clothall, of part of the rectory house, to wit, a chamber called the White Chamber, another called the Matted Chamber, a chamber within the matted chamber, a chamber called the Red Chamber, and a parlour and a study. The prisoners are fined 5s. each.

790. Petition of the poor tradesmen and inhabitants of Hitchin, showing that William Pembroke and others, living in other towns, have shops and good-stocks in the said town, and drive very great trades there on market days, to the great hindrance of others of the same trades in the said town; the petitioners have taxed these "forreners" to the poor of the town of Hitchen, but they refuse to pay the tax, and the petitioners pray that they may be compelled to do so.

791. Petition of Thomas Hanscomb, showing that the surveyors

of the highways for the parish of Ickleford have neglected to set people to work "for picking of stones" in Ramrick Fields according to ancient custom, by reason of which neglect the petitioner is unable to repair his part of the highway and therefore is liable to be indicted for the same. (See Nos. 774, 785, & 788).

792 Petition of the parishioners of the town of Wellwin, showing that their parish church and steeple, being "of most ancient building," as appears by the fabric, are much cracked and shattered by the late great tempests.

The petitioners consulted with most skilful artificers what was best to be done, who advised, next to the pulling down and re-edifying thereof (which the parishioners themselves were no ways able to do), for long great iron bars and keys to be made for upholding the same, which, to their vast charge, was accordingly performed.

Yet, on the 23rd April last, the steeple standing (not on the west end but on the north side of the church, and the first foundation and storey thereof being of coarse materials, so rotten and infirm as the master-builders, by reason of the danger, refused to work upon for the supportation) with the bells, five in number, all fell to the ground, whereby one side of the church and vestry lie open to the weather, and the rest is in danger to fall.

The charge of rebuilding would, the petitioners conceive, amount to £2000 and upwards. The people can with no safety or decency, assemble in the public worship of God; the town being upon the great road to London, persons of great quality often came to the church; and the parishioners were numerous and very poor, few of them but tradesmen, artificers, and tenants for 7 or 10 years at most. All this considered they pray the justices to take their condition into consideration. Signatures of Gabriel Towerson, rector, and others.

794. 11 July. Certificate of the inhabitants of Hemel Hempstead, that they consent to Sir Richard Combe enclosing a third part of the commons, or common woods, called Shothanger, Draw (?) Green, and Rowe Down, on which they

have right of common, for the space of seven years. Signatures.

796. Certificate (upon the complaint of the overseers of the highways of Ickleford against the inhabitants of the village of Walworth, in the parish of Hitchin, touching the repairing of the highways leading from Ickleford toward Wilbury Hills) that the highways have been repaired from time to time as follows:—By the inhabitants of Walworth on the south side thereof, and by the inhabitants of the parish of Hollowell, in the county of Bedford, on the north side thereof, "which south part of the said highway are sufficiently repaired."

799. The return of the surveyors of the highways in "Furne Pelham:"—

"We have made a rate of 6d. in the pound in our parish and had it confirmed, and have gathered most part of it, which we have laid out towards the amending of our highways which are sufficiently amended as the weather would permit. All our parishioners have done their several dayes work upon the highways and all nuisances are removed except some bushes and over-hanging boughs and underwood on the east side of a common cart highway called Violet Lane, leading from Brent Pelham to Startford and London, which are a great annoyance to the said highway and travellers, and also a nuisance to the water there. The said bushes, etc., belong to one William Webb, of Stocking Pelham, to whom we have given notice to cut them down, which he refuses to do."

801. List of persons who refused to take the oath of allegiance:—Thomas West, Ebenezer Gollage, John Manchester, Thomas Harris, Roger Cooper, William Bayly.

803. William Bayly and John Sams committed to prison, being taken at an unlawful assembly.

804. "A servaye of ye church and steple of Wellwyn, ye 26th of Aprill, 1663:—

STEPLE AND BUTTRISES.

550,000 of brick, with ye carredg from ye kill ... ... 467*l.* 10*s.* 00*d.*

1100 quarters of lime, at 4*s.* per quarter	220*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
Ye workeman ship of ye brick worke	259*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For carredg and sand	055*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
1200 of pavin tyles	007*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
Ye carredg of ye pavin tiles... ...	000*l.* 06*s.* 00*d.*
3 flowers [containing] 864 foote of tymber, at 12*d.* per foote ...	043*l.* 04*s.* 00*d.*
For ye roofe, 400 foote at 12*d.* per foote	020*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For workeman ship of ye roofe of ye steple...	010*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For workeman ship of ye 3 flowers	018*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
1,800 foote of boards for flower and roofe	013*l.* 10*s.* 00*d.*
Iron worke and nayles	010*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For bell frames and hangin... ...	070*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For boards and workeman ship of 3 pair of staires...	015*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

VESTREY.

150 foote of timber at 12*d.* per foote...	007*l.* 10*s.* 00*d.*
For workeman ship and boards ...	006*l.* 15*s.* 00*d.*
For nayles and iron worke	004*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

CHURCH.

424 foote of plateing timber, at 12*d.* per foote...	021*l.* 04*s.* 00*d.*
4 loade of timber for sparres ...	010*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
1800 foote of boards	013*l.* 10*s.* 00*d.*
For nayles and iron worke	020*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For workeman ship	040*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

YE POARCH.

100 foote of tymber at 12*d*	005*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For nayles and boards	001*l* 05*s.* 00*d.*
For workeman ship	003*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For carredg of timber	029*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For carredg of boards	004*l.* 16*s.* 00*d.*

For ye castin ye ould leade on ye church	027*l.* 15*s.* 00*d.*
For new leade to make all goode, with workeman ship and carredg...	098*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For 22 standerds for scaffelling pooles	011*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For 22 graftin pooles	005*l.* 10*s.* 00*d.*
For 250 ledgers	011*l.* 05*s.* 00*d.*
For 28 hundred foote of scaffelding boards	016*l.* 16*s.* 00*d.*
For cording for skaffoalding... ...	005*l.* 16*s.* 08*d.*
For scafoulding nayles	015*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For putt lodges and cleates	005*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For morter tubbs	002*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For carredg of boards and pooles and other materialls	025*l.* 16*s.* 08*d.*
For water carredg	015*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For castin of 5 bells with iron worke	030*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*
For a cloke and other materiall belongin	020*l.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

The sum totall, 1663*l.* 09*s.* 04*d.*

JOHN JACKSON, mason.
The marke of ROBERT NASH, carpenter.
JOHN NASH, carpenter.
The marke of WALTER CHAMBERS, mason.
JOHN JACKSON, mason.
The marke of JOHN MORDALL, mason."

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1664.

870. Recognizance of John Higgins, to appear and answer concerning his saying that "the parliament was a false and unjust parliament."

871. Recognizance of William Howse, to appear and give evidence concerning the above.

886. Report by three justices of the peace on the differences between the rector of Welwyn and the parishioners as to assessment. The rector says he was never assessed at

above £140 yearly till the assessment was raised to £160, and that the parishioners, when they certified the value of the living "in the Usurper's time," certified it at £140, and the parsonage was "lessened" £30 yearly by Capt. Wingatt "turning much arable into warren." The parishioners answered that "Mr. Weedon's warren, which time out of mind was stocked with conies, is now turned into tillage, which is more advantage to the parson than is taken from him by Capt. Wingatt." (See No 929).

895, 898-901, & 913. Indictments of William Larkin, of Benjeo, tailor; William Fairman, of the Borough of Hertford, brewer; Margaret, wife of Thomas Bevis, of Hertford, gentleman; John Pickett, of Great Munden, husbandman; Mary Whittenbury, of Cottred [also described as of Bengeo], spinster; and of Cecily Grapes, widow, and Sarah Grapes, spinster, both of Tewin, for being at a conventicle in the house of Nicholas Lucas at Hertford. (See Nos. 921-928 & 943).

904. Indictment of Thomas Hunsden, of "Makerills End," in the parish of Wheathampstead, for not repairing a gate in the highway at Wheathampstead called Saucy (?) Lane leading from a common called Batford Field Common.

906. Indictment of the County for neglecting to repair a bridge (unnamed) in the parish of Stondon.

915. Indictments of Henry Parnell, mealman; Thomas Parnell, labourer; and Susan Parnell, spinster; Joan, wife of Thomas Johnson, draper; Nathan Walton, yeoman; Thomas Norris, shoemaker; and Stephen Smythe, shoemaker; all of Ware, for breaking into the house of Elizabeth Mead, spinster, in Ware, and assaulting her. (See also No. 916.)

919 & 920. Indictments of Frances Brock and John How, of North Mymms, husbandmen, for not attending church.

924. Indictment of Edward Parkyn, of Hertford, tailor, for attending a conventicle at the house of Nicholas Lucas, in the Borough of Hertford. (See also Nos. 895, 898-901, 913, 921-923, & 925-928.)

929. 3 October, 1664. Order that the difference between the rector of Welwyn and the parishioners, touching the parish rates, be referred to Sir Francis Butler and other justices. (See No. 886.)

930. Order that the matter in difference between the surveyors of the highways of Longmarston and Thomas Aldridge, of Berkhampsted St. Peter, and Jasper Geary (?), of Harridge, in the county of Bucks, be referred to Sir Richard Combe. (See No. 940.)

933. Petition of the inhabitants of Much Hadham that the number of licensed inns and alehouses, amounting to twelve may be reduced to two inns and two other victualling houses, that number being sufficient for the town. The poor labouring people spend their livelihood in these houses "and leave their charge to penury" or to be relieved by the petitioners.

935. Petition of John Cock, one of the constables of Great Hadham, showing that he had disbursed the sum of £5 for and towards the repairing of the House of Correction. He prays that a rate may be made for the repayment of the said money.

936. Petition in behalf of the children of Richard Whittaker, slain in the State's service at Edge Hill.

940. Certificate by Richard Combe:—"In pursuance of an order of sessions, Robert Britnell, surveyor of the highways for Long Marston, and Jasper Geary, came before me and did acknowledge that the said Thomas Aldridge did occupy no lands within the precincts of Long Marston that year, but a certain meadow, the crop of hay whereof he sold to Mr. Thomas Bulmore, steward to the Earl of Bridgewater, and that the said meadow is always "common" after the hay crop is taken off. It was also confessed by the said Brittnell and Geary that the latter made an agreement with Brittnell for ten shillings for his service in the highways that year, but afterwards some of the neighbourhood persuaded him that the service in the highways was worth more, and that he should indict the said Geary, which he accordingly did. It is my opinion that he hath done the said parties wrong." (See No. 930.)

941. Certificate that William Weaver, "not acknowledging himself to have any settled abode but as a straggler, intruded himself on to the parish of Bovingdon, he being a very contentious person, a common breaker of the peace, and mover and provoker of suites under pretence of a solicitor (*sic*) to the law, his practice being to stir and animate with foul language men to strike, so to raise suites which he hath much by that means endeavoured, and hath been, and still doth continue, a man of a loose and a very lewd life and conversation, and now standeth bound over for that he did openly and wilfully disturb John Parker, minister, in time of his preaching in the parish church of Bovingdon." The certificate further sets forth that Weaver, "being questioned for having two wives," denied that he was married "with two women at one time, but did confess that he was married to one woman, and that he had for certain years kept company with two," by one of whom he had children.

942. Letter from Thos. Atkins to Mr. Burgess, clerk of the peace at Hertford:—

"I understand by my neighbour, Goodman Marshall, one of the constables of our parish, that our parish is in danger of an indictment for the highway called Wood Field Green, being the way from Hatfield to Cheshunt, for want of evidence of the reparation thereof, whereupon I went thither this morning and did find upon my view the place there . . . to be sufficiently repaired."

943. Sessions Calendar:—

Richard Blakgrave, committed for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

William Bayly, Christopher Taylor, John Kensy, John Winchester, Thomas West, Roger Cooper, and Ebenezer Gollage, for refusing the oath of allegiance tendered in court.

William Faireman, Edward Parkin, William Larkin, Margaret ———, Mary Whittenbury, John Pigott, "having beene twice convicted for beaing att unlawfull meetings and now committed for ye third offence."

Henry Marshall and Samuel Traherne, "having been

convicted at the last assizes for being at unlawful meetings are sentenced to be transported, and was (*sic*) embarked and returned without his Majestie's licence." (See Nos. 895, etc.)

945. 5 January, 1664-5. Particulars certified by Edward Penyfathers and others, of the yearly value of Welwyn parsonage:—

60 acres and upwards of glebe arrable at 6*s*. 8*d*. per acre that payes not tithes	20*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.
The glebe meadows and pasture let, divers years, for	16*l*. 10*s*. 0*d*.
The glebe woods, being 30 acres and upwards at 6*s*. 8*d*. the acre that payes not tithe	10*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.
The yearly quitt rents besides rent capons and the perquisites	5*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.
The perquisites of the manor, *communibus annis*	5*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.
The corn tithes at two shillings and four shillings, *communibus annis* ...	110*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.

THE TITHE HAY.

Of Lockleys, per custom yearly... ...	1*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.
Of Mandlynbury	0*l*. 11*s*. 0*d*.
Of Welches	0*l*. 10*s* 0*d*.
Of 50 acres more in the parish.. ...	5*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.

THE TITHE WOOD.

Of 301 acres, at 6*s*. 8*d*. the acre ...	6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

For the tithe wool, lambs, calves, "whitage," pigs, fruit, and hops no sum is given.

"The parsonage house, orchard, garden, and ground about the 'housetale,' the churchyard (although these have all been let and are valuable), as yet we have not rated tbem, although Mr. Wingate's houses, Mistress Mead, Nathaniel Manestye, Edward Halsey, William Hill, Mr. Vaughan, William Field, William Battel, Henry Pursey, Richard Ford, and mostly all others in the town have their houses rated."

"We desire our parson's residence with us, and in all fair ways to invite him to peace, and, as far as we may, by kindness to oblige it.

"Wee therefore now have forborne also to value the profits of marriages, burials, offerings, etc."

947. Memorandum as to the conviction of Quakers :—Margaret Bevis sent to prison for 6 months unless she pays 20*l.*, John Pickett and William Larkin, convicted, and William Fairman, Mary Whittenbury, and Edward Parkin, who stood mute, were sent to Barbadoes.

954. Information of Thomas Whiskard that John Northup, of Stondon, yeoman, for the space of eleven months had exercised the science, craft, mystery, occupation and art of a baker, not having served seven years' apprenticeship thereto.

955. Information of the same that John Baldock, of Stondon, baker, had forestalled five quarters of wheat, value six pounds, and five quarters of rye, value one hundred shillings and should forfeit the sum of eleven pounds to the King.

956. Similar information against Joseph Jolley, of Stondon.

968. Indictment of Edward North, of Eassendon, for stealing from Samuel Smart, at Barkhamsted, a hat and a cleaver, value ten pence. (See also Nos. 994 & 1018.)

970 & 971. Indictment of Thomas Aldridge and Jasper Geary, both of Long Marston, for refusing to provide servants and chattels for mending the common highways.

975. Indictment of Grissill Touldersby, of Chesthunt, widow, for for repairing a water-course in the common highway in Crosbrookstreete in Cheshunt leading from the same to a meadow called Sowmeade there.

978. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parishes of Aspeden and Throckin for not repairing a carriageway called Bryan's Lane leading towards Cottered.

979. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parishes of Little Mondon and Sacombe for not repairing the highway called the Cawsey, leading from Little Mondon to Wadesmill.

982. Indictment of the county for not repairing a cart-bridge

called Ford Bridge, in the parish of Braughin. (See Nos. 905 & 990).

983. Indictment of William Cole, of Shenley, esquire, for not repairing a certain ditch in the common highway in the said parish, leading from a place called Ridge Vill to a place called London Coney.

984. Indictment of Robert Vaughan, of Wellwyn, for encroaching on the high road there by building a "privy."

985. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Layston for not mending a cartway leading to a place called Hare Streete.

987. Certificate of the justices that the highway leading from Ware to Royston, lying in the several parishes of Aspeden, Throcking, Buntingford, Westmill, Buckland, Tharfield, Reed, Braughin, Anstey, and Barkway, is in want of repair, which repair should be done by the said parishes in respect of the part belonging to each.

989. Presentment of the inhabitants of Newgate Street, in the parish of Hatfield, for refusing to work in amending the highways in the said parish. Numerous presentments for not attending church on the Sabbath Day.

990. Presentment that a bridge called Fore Bridge, in the parish of Braughin, being a county bridge, is in great decay, and that the county ought to repair the said bridge. (See also Nos. 905 & 982.)

992. Examination of several persons concerning the controversy between Mr. Francis Oxly, of Hemel Hempstead and Christopher Mitchell, the latter having apprehended Oxly, and conveyed him to Hertford prison. Mr. William Downing, soldier in Sir Francis Compton's troop, saith upon oath that he came to Mitchell with an order from his officer-in-chief, Major Coleborne, quartering at Watford, to command Oxly to his colours, and showed Mitchell his order, but he refused to read it, saying he cared not for order or officer, and that he would keep Oxly in spite of them, and that they were a company of rogues and "hallowed" at them when they went away.

997. Presentment by the Rector of Northchurch to the justices of the county, showing that a "sad and lamentable fire" had occurred by which, in the space of three hours, many dwelling-houses and outhouses of the inhabitants were burnt to the ground, many others shattered and spoiled, and the most part of their goods consumed and burnt, to the utter impoverishing of the said inhabitants, the total loss amounting to £824 17s. 0d. Petition that "letters testimoniall" may be sent to his Majesty, confirming the truth of their said condition, so that Letters Patent may be procured "for the collection of a charitable contribution in some other counties and places, towards the relief of the said distressed persons." (See No. 1020.)

998. Petition of William Lewen, of Broxbourne, showing that he "is fallen into great want, by reason of a casuall and violent fire," which burnt his house and goods, to the value of £100; and praying that he may be recommended to the several parishes in the county for his relief. (See also No. 1001).

999. Similar petition of John Gurrall, William Allen, and John Hill, of Little Wymondley.

1000. Certificate by Brocket Spencer, to whom all matters in controversy between Christopher Mitchell and Francis Oxly were referred. "In obedience whereunto I have done my endeavour, but being not very well satisfied that a verbal arrest was good in law, Mr. Oxley insisting upon the contrarie, I could not then proceed to determine the difference, but since having advised with councell upon it, I find that the verbal arrest was sufficient, and that all the prejudice that was done to the house of Mr. Oxly was justifiable upon the prosecution of the arrest, and that Mitchell ought to have repair for the wound Mr. Oxly gave him in his arm in the execution of his office, for which I should not have propounded less than forty shillings. But there being divers misdemeanours and inconsiderate speeches witnessed in the depositions against Mitchell which I have here withall sent, I should have weighed their offences one against the other and persuaded them to live peaceably one with the other for

the future, which I now, as the order enjoins, humbly report to the bench as my opinion."

1020. Apprisal and valuation of the fire at Northchurch. (See No. 997).

1021. Names of those persons who refuse to take the oath of allegiance :—Thomas West, William Bayley, Roger Cooper, John Winchester, Ebenezer Collage, John Kensy, Christopher Taylor, and John Fordham.

397. November 20, 1664. Certificate by George Seeley, mayor, and Robert Deane, doctor of medicine, that Thomas Archer, of Branfield, labourer, was convicted for attending at the dwelling-house of Nicholas Lucas in Hertford, with some other persons unknown, for the exercise of religion in other manner than according to the liturgy and use of the English Church, and was ordered to be sent to gaol for two days or pay of fine of 1s.

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1665.

39. Recognizance for the appearance of Nicolas Brooks to prosecute Thomas Weathered and Roger Austin, both of Wheathamstead, inkeepers, for refusing to entertain and lodge him.

62 & 65. Recognizances for the appearance of Luke Lewis and Isaac Field to answer a charge of "publishinge of a certain libill," brought against them by the overseers of the poor for Hemel Hempstead.

66. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Carter "to answer his unlawful fishing in the Lady Hewitt's royaltie."

72. Recognizance for the appearance of John Gregory to answer his misdemeanours in abusing the watch at Eastwick.

75. Recognizance for the appearance of Joseph Harding and Jonas Addison to give evidence against William Ginn, concerning "menie great misdemeanours, and in particular for striking Mr. Thomas Seranke, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Bridgewater, and for that the said William

Ginn did chaleng and urge the said Mr. Thomas Seranke (after the said Ginn was tould the said Mr. Seranke was high constable) to fight with him. And for that the said William Ginn sware he would beate him."

81. Recognizance for the appearance of Haynes Barley to answer a charge of rescuing William Wade, Esq., out of the hand of the constable of Furnex Pelham, the said William Wade, esq., being arrested for breach of the peace and other misdemeanours; and to undertake to keep the peace towards Lady Douglas.

84. Recognizance for the appearance of Phillip Campe to answer "for not keeping of due watch and ward in the parish of Hunsdon, he being the constable of the said parish, and also for suffering of infected goods to be brought into the parish aforesaid contrary to the order of sessions."

104. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Sondall to answer a charge of "speaking of dangerous and scandallous words against the present power, and especially against the justices of the peace."

120. The information of Nicholas Brookes, fishmonger, "living in St. George's parish in Southwarcke, in Axe Yarde, near the King's Bench." Jan. 6th, 1664-5. The informant says that on Friday, Dec. 30th, he came from his house in Southwarcke and came to St. Albans and lodged at the "Flower de Luce" in St. Albans that night, and on the next day he went to Reddbourne, then to Market Street, and that Saturday night and on Sunday he did lie at the Redd Lyon at Luton, and the next day being Monday at 12 o'clock he came from Luton towards Wheathamsteede, and was at Wheathamsteede "before fouer of the clocke" and there went to the smith's "to buy horsenaile-stubbs."

And the informant says that then he went to Tho. Wethered's house in Wheathamsteed to ask for lodging, and that Tho. Wethered and his wife did both deny him lodging, saying that they had "but one bedd and that was taken upp." This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the informant says that he then went to the Bull and demanded

lodging, but Roger Austin, hoste, of the Bull, denied him lodging. The informant says that he then gave a quarter of a pound of "tobackee" and two flaggons of beer to John Skale for guiding him to Robert Parker's at the "Tinn Pott" House in Wheathamsteed, where he had both lodging and good entertainment for himself and horses, and was well used and was lodged there about 5 of the clock of the same day. "He further says that he being an usuall traveler and having been lately robbed between Watford and Edgworth on St. Thomas' Day last by 9 horsemen, was now unwilling to seek lodging, and being denied, he doth require that Tho. Wethered aforesaid and Roger Austin may be bound over to answer the same."

121. Information of Thomas Whiskard against Edward Wright, of Hemel Hempsted, husbandman, for forestalling wheat and rye there.

122. Similar information against Robert Goodwin, of Stondon.

130. Information against John Burman, of Barkway, husbandman, for exercising the trade of a barber, not having served seven years' apprenticeship to that trade.

138. Jan. 9th, 1664-5. Presentment of a horse-bridge upon the King's highway leading from Watton to Ware West Mill, which needs repairing. Signatures follow.

139. Jan. 9th, 1664. Presentment of a bridge in a common field, called Napkin Field, in the parish of Starford, being in the way of a common footpath, leading to the Markett, belonging to Elizabeth Eve, widow, of Bishop's Stortford, which bridge is out of repair.

Presentment of Thomas Johnson, of the parish of Ware, for following the trade of a cordwinder and not serving seven years' apprenticeship. Signatures follow.

141. Presentment of the parish of Barkeway for not repairing a certain highway leading from Barkway towards Royston and also towards a windmill. Signatures follow.

142. Presentment of a certain bridge called Fordbridge, in the parish of Braughin, leading from Puckridge to Braughin, in

the road, which is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county. Signatures follow.

143. Presentment of a bridge called Forebridge, in the parish of Braughin, leading to Puckridge, in the King's highway, to be repaired by the county.

Presentment of Nicholas King, of Chesthunt, bricklayer, for suffering a conventicle in his house, and also a burying-ground in his orchard. Signatures follow.

147. July 10th, 1665. Presentment "that severall persons doe dayly come downe from the cytie of London in great numbers with their families and goods to inhabitt in severall places in our countie, to the great danger of infecting of the same, and also that severall persons in this countie bring downe greate quantities of raggs to the great annoyance and danger to infect the same."

Presentment of a bridge in Sabridgeworth, which is much out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county, "the charge for repairing the same being computed will be about fifty pounds."

Presentment that Braughin Bridge, called Jenning's Bridge, is fallen down and ought to be repaired by the parish of Braughin. (See No. 153). Signatures follow.

151. Writ of Sir Brockett Spencer, bart., and Tho. Docwra, esq., to the sheriffs of the county, to summon a jury to meet at the sign of "Le George," at Icleford, on 30th August at nine in the morning to enquire into certain riots at Offley.

153. Presentment that on the 1st of May last there was a bridge broken down, called Jenning's Bridge, in the parish of "Brauing," and that the said bridge ought to be repaired, "but by whom wee know not." (See No. 147).

155. Presentment that a bridge in a footpath in a common field called Nupkin Field, in the parish of Stortford, is in decay, and that Elizabeth Eve, of Stortford, ought to repair the same.

156. Indictment of Adam Ivory, of Layston, husbandman, for not repairing a ditch in Baldock Lane, in the parish of Layston.

157. Indictment of John Nobbs, otherwise Waypole, of Stansted, husbandman, for not repairing a watercourse pertaining to his land in the parish of Stansted.

158. Indictment of the inhabitants of Barkway, for not repairing an ancient highway there, leading thence towards Royston.

160. Indictment of John Simpson, otherwise Cooke, of Stanstead Abbott, for that he "did streighton and make narow" a certain ancient watercourse to the detriment of John Burnapp.

167. Presentment of Nicholas King, of Chesthunt, bricklayer, for permitting a burying-place in his orchard adjoining his house, and for allowing unlawful assemblies there.

170. Indictment of Richard Hall, of Stondon, husbandman, for being drunk.

176 & 177. Indictment of Henry Carter, the younger, of Sabridgworth [Sawbridgeworth], laborer, for entering the freehold of Margarett Hewitt, widow, and destroying the "frye of fish" in the river there next Pishebury at the place called "le watering place," with a hop bag and other engines.

178. Indictment of a person unnamed, for not repairing a cartbridge called Jenninges, in the parish of Braughin. (See No. 191).

185. Indictment of Thomas Axtell, of Hemelhemsted, husbandman, for entering the close of George Weedon at King's Langley, and taking fish from a stream there called Apsley Mill.

188. Indictment of Thomas Grey, of Shenley, woolcomber (?) and Thomas How, of Southmyms, co. Middlesex, husbandman, for breaking into the house of Thomas Groome, at Shenley, and stealing an iron porridge pot, a brass skillett, a frying pan, a gridiron, and a pair of tongs.

191. Indictment for not repairing a common cartbridge called Jenninge Bridge. (See No. 178).

194. Presentment of John Middleton, of Essendon, esq., Robert Hickenson, of the same, husbandman, and Richard Bradley, of the same, labourer, for riotous assembly, and entry into

the close of Richard Pooley at Essendon, and stealing firewood, the property of Lancelot Stavesley, esquire.

195. Indictment of Ralph Pettitt, of Gaddesdon Magna, husbandman, for digging soil on the highway in a place called Gaddesdon Row.

207. The petition of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, and other inhabitants of the parish of Great Gaddesden, to the justices of the peace of Hertford, showing "that the petitioners being very hard charged with a numerous poore, are exceedingly straightened for the providing of habitations for some of them at very deare rates as inmates with other persons, whence they are frequently removed, and the petitioners much troubled to place them again, and namely for Benjamin Cobridge and his wife, being lame, and their children, and for Anne Chambers, widdow, and for Sarah Mutchett and her children." The petitioners have obtained licence from the Earl of Bridgwater, lord of the manor, to erect habitations for them "upon his wast," and they therefore request an order of the court for erecting such houses.

The petition is signed by John Halsey, James Halsey, and others, and by the churchwardens, George Rose and John Andrew, and the overseers, Thomas Knight and Roger Bennet.

208. The petition of John Phips, of Stondon, labourer showing that the petitioner has lately fallen into great need for want of work. He can get very little among his neighbours "because they have little for him to do, having so many poore laborious men besides within the said parish." He entreats, therefore, the grant of a licence to sell beer "for his better livelihood and living hereafter, towards the mayntenance of himself, his poor wife and children." Signed by John Denison, vicar of Stondon, and others.

209. The petition of John House, of Wheathamsted, "being a very poore man," to the justices of the peace for Hertford, showing that on the 21st July last "there happened in and upon the dwelling-house" of the petitioner at Wheathamsted, "in the time of his being abroad at work, a fierce and

terrible fire, by what accident he knows not, whereby the whole house with the outhouses and hovells thereunto belonging, together with all or most part of the household goods and wearing apparrell therein, were in the space of one hour utterly burned and consumed." The petitioner therefore desires that their honours will be pleased to grant him an order for collecting "the charitable benevolence of well-disposed people" in the several parish churches in the county.

210. Certificate of the parishioners of Stondon [Standen?] that they have received sufficient security of William Smyth, of Braughing, to discharge the parish of a child which he had at nurse in that parish; "and that since the child is dead." Dated, January 3rd, 1664. Signed by Edward Chapman, one of the overseers, and John Gardes, churchwarden, and by Thomas Mitchell.

211. Certificate of two justices of the peace for Hertford that having been informed of an indictment against the inhabitants of Shenley, for not repairing a common highway leading from St. Albans to Chipping Barnett, they have viewed the said highway and found it to be well repaired, and "that the toune of Shenley hath been at noe little charge in mending the same."

212. Certificate of the minister and inhabitants of Wheathamsted, "to the reverend divines of the several churches and chappells in tho county of Hertford, the gentry, yeomanry, and all other good Christians within the said county," on behalf of John Howse, of Gustamsted [Gustard?] Wood, in the said parish, labourer, and his wife and family. They state that on Friday, the 21st July, there happened at the house of the said John House a terrible fire, "by what accident cannot be certainly knowne (there beinge, before the flames, but little fire in the chimney, which did not occasion the same) by which fire the whole house with the hovells and outhouses and most of the household goods and wearing apparrel, were in about one hour utterly consumed, the loss being estimated at threescore pounds at the least."

The minister and inhabitants of Wheathamsted therefore

ask that their "loving neighbours and countrymen" will contribute towards the relief of John House and his wife and family in their "greate necessitie." Signed by H. Killigrew, rector; Joel Jones, curate; the two churchwardens, and others.

215. Conviction of Cecilia Grapes, of Tewin, widow, and Sarah Grapes, of the same, spinster, who, both being above the age of 16 years, did, on 26th Feb., assemble with 10 other unknown persons, in the house of Nicholas Lucas, in the borough of Hertford, and there practise religion contrary to the liturgy in use in the English church. Sent to prison until they pay a fine of one shilling.

216. Conviction of Mary, wife of John Puddefat, of Northchurch, tanner; Philip Ford, of Aylesbury, co. Bucks, gentleman; James Royse, of Northchurch, carpenter; Robert Jones, of Tring, gentleman; Richard Martin, of Tring, husbandman; William Leigh, of Northchurch, labourer; Thomas Sellett, of Tring, chandler; Schemuel Bird, of Wards, in the parish of Ivanhoe, co. Bucks, labourer; John Ellwis, of Tring, grocer; Richard Pedder, of Ruishall, in the parish of Edgeborough, co. Bucks, labourer; Thomas Eggleton, of Revelland, in the parish of Redburne, labourer; John Browne, of Weston, co. Bucks, labourer; Jane Messenger, of Northchurch, spinster; all above 16 years of age, for assembling on the 24th of September, in a building of John Puddefat, in Northchurch, with others to the number of 20, besides the members of the family, and exercising religion otherwise than is allowed by the liturgy. Each to be imprisoned three months or fined £5.

217. From the calendar of prisoners for the sessions:—Cecille Grapes and Sarah Grapes, having been twice convicted for being at unlawful meetings, are now committed for the third offence. John Winchester, Ebenezer Gollage, Roger Cooper, Thomas Harris, Thomas West, Christopher Taylor, William Bayly, and John Kensey, committed for refusing the oath of allegiance.

218. John King and Frances Taylor, committed for being at unlawful meetings, being the third offence.

John Bardocke, Thomas Archer, and John Edmonds, committed for the same offence.

220. William Newman's bill for the gaol:—

	£	s.	d.
For 1700 foote of inch boords	12	08	00
For 1800 foote of double quarter ...	09	07	05
For 600 foote of single quarters	02	09	05
For 35 foote of planke at 27 per c. ...	04	01	08
For the greate doore	01	04	00
Pd. for workmanshipp	11	09	04
Pd. for iron worke...	10	09	00
The whole "some" is ...	51	08	08
Recd. in part that was in Mr. Gardner's hands	17	00	00
Rest due	34	08	08

221. Chrisilla (*sic*) and Sarah Grapes committed for the third offence. (See No. 217).

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302. Presentment that an ancient highway in Wheathamstead, called Sancy Lane, leading to a common called Batford Field Common, in the parish of Wheathamstead, is in decay, and that Thomas Hunsdon, of Makerells End in Wheathamstead, ought to repair the same.

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242. Recognizance for the appearance of Arthur West to answer the charge of "shoutting a gunn at unlawfull game," brought against him by Arthur Wainforth, gent.

263. Recognizance for the appearance of William Tuffnell to give evidence against Thomas Court and Arthur Court, "about the killing of a redd deere."

264. Recognizance for the appearance of Matthew Wright and

John Whiskett, collar maker, to give evidence against James Spencer, who is now in gaol at Hertford, "for pretending to be a press-master, and pressing his Majesties subjects, he being not authorised thereunto."

265. Recognizance for the appearance of Edmond Bassell, innholder, and John Aldridge, blacksmith, to give evidence against Mathew Bottyman who is now in the gaol at Hertford, "for speaking dangerous words against the King's Majesty and the present power that is."

286. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Bunn, to answer for his breach of the peace, in abusing Alice Andrew, wife of Edward Andrew, of Datchworth, labourer, as she came from Baldocke fair on St. Matthew's day last past, in the evening, on the King's highway leading from Baldock to Grawelie [Graveley].

294. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Atkins to give evidence against John Pyott, of Tring, esq., concerning a misdemeanour committed by him in the church of Tring.

298. The information of Richard Elton, of Broxborne, aged between 9 and 10 years, taken July 3rd, 1666. The informant says that on Thursday last, being the 28th of June, as he was coming from home with "a bottle of drinke for his father who was faggotting in the wood, he heard a gunn go off and saw an hinde and the dogg of Thomas Court, the examinate, following the deere by an headge-side a little way, which when he saw he laid down his bill and his pott and rann after the deer himself till he came to the fall of the deere, and after the fall of the deere William Tufnell came in and cutt the throat of the deere, and went to call the wood-keeper, William Taylor, alias Fuller, at the time at which Arthur Court, another examinate, saide to this ladd, Richard Elton, that if he would hold his peace, his father should have half the deere."

The information of William Tufnell, of Broxborne, labourer, taken the same day.

This informant says that he saw none of the examinates that day, only when he heard the gunn and the boy crying

holloo to the dog he came in and found the hinde lying across an hedge, but not dead, and so cut her throat, and after that went to call William Taylor, alias Fuller, the keeper of the game. Thomas Court, being examined the same day, said that he knew nothing of the killing of the hinde, and that he "was not from mowing all that day nor two hours after the hearing of the gunn go off"

Arthur Court being examined the same day, said that "when he was harrowing he heard the report of a gunne, in which he continued till the dogg came to him when the dogg stayed with him for the space of a quarter of an hour; afterwards the dogge was going back againe, but he finding the dogg was all bloudy, suspecting he had killed somebody's sheepe, followed the dogg, but when he came hee found that it was an hinde killed, and that he might the better find who killed the hinde, he offered to give half the hinde to the boy's father so the boy would hold his peace."

299. The examination of Thomas Ibbott, of Hemingford, in the county of Huntingdon, oatmeal-man, taken Sept. 1st:—

The examined says he is about 30 years of age, and lives at Hemingford, and is an oatmeal-man by trade, and that he "hath bin att London with the King to show him a vission that he had seen a old man and a young man fight, and the Lord gave him to know that the Duke of York should beate all nations."

Being examined why he said that the Duke should be overmost, he says that he "shall beate all nations but the three nations."

And being asked whether he knew anybody "that had any hand or knowledge of the burning of London, or were acting or acsilary (*sic*) to it he saith that he knows nobody that had any hand about it, but thinks it to be from the hand of the Lord, and that he will give the King an accompt of it when he comes to him."

301. The information of Jone Lamb, of Hodsdown [Hoddesdon], in the county of Hertford, taken the 1st Sept.:—

Jone Lamb says that "as she and Goodwife Walker was coming from London where they had bine to seeke for the

churchwardens of Christ Church and Little St. Barthollmew, and could not find them, and as they were on the way they were complayning one to the other what poore case they were in with their two nurse children: about the "Blew Bell," at Edmoundton, Thomas Ibbarte overtooke them and hereing them complayninge, he said that whoever lived to it should see this nation flate to the grounde, and hee said that the Duck [Duke] would bee above Charles."

303. The examination of Alice Andrew taken Sept. 22nd, 1666:—

She said "though the man (pointing to Bunn) took her basket against her will, yet he put her not into anie fear," but that he did it in kindness. She believed him to be "in drinke." Henrie Hill, constable, said that a man "ryding on the waye found the basket and onions, and Alice Andrew might have them if shee would." John Tyler, of Datchworth, another witness, said that he saw Thomas Bunn come to Alce Andrew and offer to "gird her horse and to carie her baskett for her in much kindness."

"Thomas Bunn denied that he was the mann that either meddled with Alce Andrew, her horse, or her baskett. Thomas Bunn in my hearing swore by the name of God for which he payd 1s. It was on the morrow given to the churchwardens for the poore."

304. The information of Mrs. Willoughby Yeamans, wife of William Yeamans, taken September 28th:—

The informant says that "about two or three months since, as she was walking with John Browne, esq., in the garden of Mr. Robert Read, of Cheshunt, he told her that if she married William Yeamans, esq., he would be the death of him, moreover she hath taken oath that she is in fear that the above-said Browne may do her or her husband some bodily hurt, and that she is in feare of her life."

The information of Christopher Sutton, of Cheshunt, taken the same day. He deposes that being in the kitchin of Robert Read he saw Mr. John Brown there, and that Mrs. Read desired him (the informant) to call Mr. William Yeamans, Mr. Morly, and Phillip Mitchell, to come to her house, which he did accordingly, and when they were

come the said Mr. Browne asked if there had not beene a wedding there lately, answer was made, "Yea," and he then asked who was the bridegroom, and Mr. William Yeamans answered that he was, whereupon the said Browne drew his sword and ran at Mr. Yeamans saying they should not enjoy their marriage long, for he would be the death of one of them.

John Browne, being examined the same day, says that the information of Christopher Sutton is all true "only as to the part where it is said he would be the death of one of them." He denies that he meant Mrs. Yeamans, but says that he meant "that he would kill Mr. William Yeamans or Mr. William Yeamans should kill him."

305. The examination of John Harding, of Tring, yeoman, and of Peter Boughton, of the same, taken the 30th September :—

John Harding, being examined, said that in August last he heard Thomas Atkins, of Tring, say that being in the church porch at Tring on the day on which Mr. Pyott and Mr. Duncombe differed in the church, he heard Mr. Pyott bid Mr. Duncombe come down ; whereupon Mr. Duncombe replying that he had more to do there than hee, he saw the said Mr. Pyott lift up his staffe. Peter Broughton being examined said that he was with John Harding when Thomas Atkins told him the above.

306. Conviction of Thomas Goodman, of Hadham, for engrossing grain contrary to the statute. Fined the value thereof, namely £18.

309. William Atwood, suspected of stealing two hundred pounds from a chest in the chamber of Mr. William Bulmer, at the Earl of Bridgwater's house at Ashridge, being examined "confesseth that he was at Ashridge, the Earl of Bridgwater's house, on Sunday last, and that he went thither about the time it chimed in to church in the forenoon, which he supposed to be about 9 of the clock." He says that he came in at the back gate a little after 10 o'clock, and "that my lord and a great part of his family were then gone to the church." He went directly into the kitchen,

where he spoke with Robert Ruff, the cook, and told him "that he came for a little money that was due to him, and that he stayed there until Ruff sent him to the bakehouse to call George, the under-cook, and thence returned to the kitchin and was nowhere else but in the dry larder." He confesses that he had a hawking bagg into which he put a piece of a bullock's cheek and the blade of a shoulder of lamb, which were given to him. He says that he did not go up "Mr. Bulmer's staires," but that he saw Robert Ruff go up the stairs towards Mr. Bulmer's chamber "before my lord and the family came from praires in the forenoone the said Sunday."

311. Presentment (Jan. 8th, 1665-6) of Mathew Waterford, of Stevnidge [Stevenage], for stopping of a watercourse that formerly, for 40 years, ran out of the Falcon Yard in Stevnidge through Mathew Waterford's entry into the high-way.

Presentment of Thomas Plomer, of Baldock, for refusing to lodge vagrants.

Presentment of Thomas Burnapp, the younger, maulster, dwelling in Stansted Abbott in the road between Catshill and the way leading to Hunsdon, "for keeping of an unlawful bushell, which is to bigg."

312. Presentment of William Stapley, "dwelling [in] an impropriate house," near Little Munden, for buying and selling corn without a licence.

313. Presentment of Cesar Luke, of Haddham Parva, "for harbouring of vagrants from time to time."

Presentment of Henry Mansfield, of Hadham Parva, for buying and selling of grain without a licence.

Presentment of ——— Bull, of Berry, and ——— Hart, of Cambridge, and ——— Bycrast, of Norwich, for "spoyling the highways by unlawfull carriages."

314. Presentment of Daniell Battell, of Barkway, gent, "for not doing his daie's worke according to law."

Presentment of Henry Pryor, of the same, yeoman, "for doeing but six daies worke with two teames, being but half of his duty."

Presentment of Thomas Browne, of Royston, victualler, "for keeping a disordered house on Sundaye sennett, in time of divine service."

Presentment of John Welcombe, of the same, for "annoying of the King's highway with a dounghill in the backstreet of Royston."

Presentments of John Newman, of the same, bricklayer, Elizabeth Stamford, of the same, widow, and Richard Gastrill, of the same, victualler, "for entertaining of inmates contrary to law."

Presentment of Andrew Hayday, of Barley, carpenter, "for prophaneing the Sabboth day in being drunk and not coming to church, 29th Aprilis, 1666."

Presentment of a common highway called the Cawsey, near Rowndy, leading from Little Mundon to Wadesmill, which is out of repair, and that William Staley ought to repair it.

315. Presentment that the brick vault "that carries the water crosse the highway right against Theobalds is broke downe," and ought to be mended by Mr. Reede, of Theobalds.

Presentment that a bridge near the mill at Ware "is broken downe so much that a cart and horse cannot pass over itt," and that the inhabitants of Ware should mend it.

317. July 9th. Presentment of John Thornton, of Hitchin, "for using the trade of a grocer at Hitchin, 2 yeares since and not bound prentice to it."

Presentment of Edward Cooke for the like offence.

Presentment of Joseph Baker, of Hitchin, for not coming to church, and "for suffering unlawfull meetings in his house on the Lord's day."

318. Presentment of ——— Stoakes, of Northmims, for not keeping a sufficient fence round his grounds, called Bellemeade, abutting against John Archer's grounds.

Presentment of the parish of Barkway for not repairing the "markettway," called by the name of Mill Lane, leading from Barkway to Roystone.

319. Presentment that a certain common cart-bridge standing in

Wadesmill, called Wadesmill Bridge, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county.

320. Presentment of Anthony Nottage, of Furnix Pellam, husbandman, "for digging up and carrying away part of the King's highway near a certain field called Burnt Pellham Field, leading from Furnix Pelham to Burnt Pellam."

Presentment of James Howse, of Ware, for using the trade of a baker, not having first served seven yeares' apprentice.

Presentment of Mary Mahue, of Great Hadham, widow, "who did cause her servant, George Grave, to make severall dreanes in a piece of ground, called her backside, that doth carry the water contrary to its former course, and by that means doth flowd two or three dwelling-houses with other outhouses."

321. Presentment of Elizabeth Warland, widow, of Ippolits, for refusing to watch, at the constable's request, in September last when the fire was at London.

326. Indictment of John Higdon, of Northmyms, labourer, for encroaching upon the waste of the lord of the manor, at a place near the mill at Northmyms, by digging a ditch and making a hedge.

332. Presentment of John Pyott, of Tring, esquire, and Benjamin Lovell, of Northchurch, clerk, for assault upon Francis Duncombe, clerk, rector and minister of the parish church of Tring, and opposing the celebration of divine service.

335. Indictment of John Ebbe, of Hertford, labourer, of Benjeo (*sic*) for unlawfully fishing in a stream with a net, being the freehold of Thomas, Viscount Fanshaw, lord of the manor of Benjeo.

342. Indictment of William Staley, of Monden [Munden] Parva, for neglecting to repair a road called Rowney, leading from Mondon Parva to Wadesmill.

343. Indictment of the inhabitants of Ware for neglecting to repair a common cart-bridge in that parish at a place called the Mill.

347. Indictment of ——— Reed, of Theobalds, gentleman, for neglecting to repair a bricked vault, conveying water along the highway near a place called Theobalds, in the parish of Cheshunt.

352. Indictment of George Weedon, of King's Langley, miller, for going along the highway at Hemel Hemstead with a waggon carrying overweight.

355. Indictment of Edward Halsey, of Gaddesden Magna, for teaching in a private school without licence from Benjamin, Bishop of Lincoln, against the Act of 9th Oct., 17 Charles II., the said Edward not having taken the oath of allegiance.

362. Indictment of John Welcombe, of Royston, for putting a dunghill in a place called the "Backstreet" of the common highway at Royston.

374. Presentments of Faber Ball. of Berkhamstedd St. Peter, husbandman, Alice Hare, of the same, spinster, William Attwood, of the same, husbandman, for forcible entry into the close and house of John, Earl of Bridgwater, at Ashridge, in the parish of Berkhamsted, and stealing £200, the money of William Bulmer.

379. Indictment of Ralph Sey, of Stenden [Stondon ?] husbandman, for planting willow trees in a stream near his orchard, by which the usual course of the stream is diverted.

385. The petition of the inhabitants of the parish or hamlet of Bovingdon to the justices of the peace for Hertford, showing that one John Hoult, of the above parish, "being a carpenter by trade, and having a house and land of his owne and money at use," and being now licensed for keeping an alehouse "did on Sunday, the tenth day of this month, entertayne in his house one Richard Eames, a servant in our parish, with two other persons during the time of divine service and sermon . . . and hath also entertained and harboured in his house one John Clarke, a stranger, with an intent to make him a parishioner with us." Wherefore the petitioners request that his licence may be recalled. Signed by the churchwardens, overseers, and others.

389. Certificate of several of the inhabitants of Great Hormead in behalf of Jane Wheeler, widow, of the same parish, that whereas the said Jane stands indicted for "keeping and inhabiting of one Thomas Davies as an inmate, they certify that she doth not inhabit the said Davies or any other person as an inmate," and that she is "a very aged and infirm person and not able to travell to the towne of Hertford" to make her appearance before the court of sessions. Signed by William Cage, vicar, and others.

391. Letter to Mr. Tho. Burges, clerk of the peace at Hertford:—

"My Master, Philip Cecill, Esq., commanded me to let you understand by a note that the wife of Joseph Fletcher, who abused his sonne, hath humbled herselfe unto him, wherewith he is satisfied, and desired that you will proceed no farther against her, but she paying her fees, to dismiss her without any further trouble, soe I am, sir,"

Your friend and servant,

JAMES LOWEN."

Hatfield, Oct. 1st, 1666.

392. Letter from Richard Browne to Lord Grandison, Feb. 22nd, 1666:—

"My very good Lord,

I have been twice to wait on your lordship at your house, but not finding you at home and businesse calling me forth of towne to-morrow and not permitting me to returne till after Witsuntide, I thought fit to let your lordship understand by this paper that the 2 cockstealers now in Bridewell have discovered diverse cockstealers that haunt your lordship's cocke walks and commonly steale your cockes.

"Their names are John Graves, of Barnet, John Thomas of Barnet, a sadler, lately come from Hatfield, hee did fight some of your cockes about Christmas last at the White Lyon at Hatfield against Sir Francis Butler's men. Jeoffry Harad, of Hatfield, did likewise fight some of your lordship's cockes there at the same time. John Martin, by Hatfield Woodside, steales your cockes also, and likewise Thomas Wilkinson, of Hatfield, and Thomas

Blenum, of Hatfield, and John Sellwood, of Hatfield, and they confess that the one-eyed knave Garret, wanting cockes to fight his match at Thame, in Oxfordshire, put them upon going to your lordship's walks in your name, for cockes, and told them that if they would bring them to him he would send them to Thame, where they should not be knowne.

"Garret hath sent some of my Lord Coleraine's cockes thither for his match, and I doubt not but some of your lordships are there too; therefore if one were sent thither forthwith with a warrant to search for stolne goods and thereby search the pens, some of the cockes might be found there, and their petty [pretty?] match thereby disappoynted. I think the one-eyed knave that set them on worke deserves to be more severely handled than those fellows that stole them, for he was the incourager and receiver. The two fellows have been kept at hard labour in Bridewell and are continued there still. The sessions of gaol delivery begins on Thursday, the 30th May, at the old Bayly, your lordship's man is bound in a recognizance of £20 to prosecute them there, if he doth not, hee will forfeit his recognizance, and it will be returned into the exchequer. They may be tryed at Hertford or at London, because the goods were found at London.

"I think the best way will be to indict them as cheates for going in your lordship's name by false tokens; and then if they confess it not, but pleade not guilty, there must be some body there from whom the cockes were fetched to prove it on oath. I hope this severity may breake the knot of cockstealers, for I perceive thereabouts they are numerous. I shall be glad of all opportunity to serve your lordship as your very humble servant.

RICHARD BROWNE."

393. Calendar of prisoners in the gaol for the sessions:—

Matthew Bottomy, for speaking dangerous words against his Majesty.

James Spencer, "for taking upon him to presse his Majestie's subjects in his Majestie's name, being not commissioned thereunto."

Henry Smith, taken in the apparrell of a woman.

394. Calendar of prisoners for the Michaelmas Sessions, 1666:—Thomas Ibbott "suspected to be privy to the fyreing of London;" John Kensy, Roger Cooper, Ebenezer Gollage, Thomas West, and Christopher Tayler, "for refusing the oath of allegiance;" Alexander Lee, Jane Lee, Elizabeth Lee, and William Harris, "for suspicion of coyning."

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304. Presentments of various persons for receiving "inmates" into their houses at Ippolits.

305. Indictment of William Ensam, of Cotered, yeoman, for converting [part of?] a mansion house at Yardley into a cottage, for the habitation of William Hobson, late of Fulmer, in Kent, blacksmith, without laying four acres thereto.

310. Presentment that a horse-way called Mill Lane, in the parish of Barkway, leading from Barkway to the town of Royston, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Barkway ought to repair the same.

311-312. Indictment of Benjamin Kelloway, Robert Colles, husbandman, and John Anall, the younger, all of Hitchin, for not attending church.

316. Presentment that a brick vault in the common way leading from Cheshunt towards London, near Theobalds, is in decay, and that Robert Read, of Theobalds, ought to repair the same.

317. Presentment that a common cart bridge called Wadesmill bridge, lying in Wadesmill, in the parish of Thundridge, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Thundridge ought to repair the same.

319. Indictment of Nathaniel Gotheridge, of Hitchin, brewer, for not attending church.

320. Indictment of James Howse, of Ware, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a baker, without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

321. Indictment of Elizabeth Worland, of Ippollitts, widow, for refusing to watch in the said parish when required by the constable.

322. Indictment of Ralph Peppitt, of Great Gaddesden, yeoman, for digging and spoiling a common highway in the parish of Great Gaddesden, called Gaddesden Row, near a close called Bottom Close, and for digging and spoiling a gateway leading from the common highway to the said close, being the free tenement of George Rose, of Gaddesden.

323. Indictment of Mary Mahue, of Much Hadham, widow, for making certain drains in a piece of land called le Backside, in the parish of Much Hadham, by reason whereof the ancient watercourse was obstructed and diverted.

324. Indictment of John Harlowe, of Broxbourne, labourer, for not attending church.

326. Indictment of Joseph Course, of Barkway, husbandman, for teaching a school at Barkway, without the licence of the Bishop of London, he not being qualified, because he has not taken the oath of allegiance nor attended church.

328. Indictment of Joseph Arnall, of Hitchin, husbandman, for not attending church.

329. Indictment of Samuel Wood, of Much Hadham, for being a common drunkard.

330. Indictment of Anthony Nottage, of Furneaux Pelham, for digging and carrying away sand and earth in the common highway there, lying near a certain common field there, called Burnt Pelham field, leading from Furneaux Pelham towards Brent Pelham.

39. Order that Viscount Fanshaw and others be appointed to levy a rate upon all towns, parishes, and places in the county of Hertford, for the relief of the towns and parishes of Bishop's Stortford, Hoddesdon, and Cheshunt, which are infected with the plague.

331. Presentment that certain hedges and ditches pertaining to a meadow called Bellmead, in the parish of North Mymms, being the free tenement of Anthony Stoakes, of North

Mymms, lying near the land of John Archer, of North Mymms, on the east, are in decay, to the nuisance of the neighbours, and that the said Anthony Stoakes ought to repair the same.

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407. 10 December. Letter from the court of Whitehall to the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford:—"To be left with the justice of the peace residing nearest the post stage in that county, to be communicated to the rest of the justices at the next quarter sessions for the said county. After our hearty comendations, His Majesty's constant desire for the ease and happiness of his people haveing amongst other things put him upon enquiring into the goales and prisons of this kingdome, and haveing received information that in many of them there are as well objects fit for his clemency as justice, both which he is willing to dispence in such manner as bold offenders may receive noe encouragement, whilst his Majesty extends mercy to unwary and seduced persons whom there may be any hopes of reclayming. His Majesty hath therefore, in order to his clearer information in this affair, thought fit to command us to write these our letters unto you, the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, to be read at the next quarter sessions to be held for the said county, charging and requiring you to examine and certify unto this Board, at or before the 20th day of January next, the name, time, and causes of committal of all such persons as shall then be in custody in a goale or prison of that county, and perticularly of that sort of people called Quakers, with your opinion concerning them respectively, who of them may be fit objects of his Majesty's mercy, and who are ringleaders of faction in contempt of the lawes, and hereof you are not to faile at the time aforesaid, and soe wee bid you farewell from the court at Whitehall." Signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and others.

438. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Norman, to make answer to a charge brought against him by Richard Harding, of Stoke Mandevill, Bucks, husbandman, concerning the [illtreating] of Henry Harding, his apprentice, brother of the said Richard Harding. (See No. 439).

454. The examination of Henry Harding, apprentice to Thomas Norman, of Tring, scrivener; and of John Gascoyne, of the same, tailor; and Martha, his mother, and of Katharine Humfrey, of the same place, widow. Taken June 22nd, 1667, Henry Harding, deposes that on the 23rd of March last, his master, Thomas Norman, "dobbed him on the breast with his cane and almost beat his breath out of his body for answering him the question which he asked him," and on the following "gave him a box on the ears almost ready to beat him downe because he asked him leave to go to see his father who was at that time very sick, and like to dye." He says also that on the 24th April last his coffer having been broken open and some things taken out he spoke about it in his master's house, "and thereupon his mistress came up into his chamber and beat him with her fist, and plucked him by the haire of his head from one place to another," and that on the 27th of the same month his mistress "beat him when he was at dinner, with her fist, and when he went up to his worke she followed him and beat him again in his chamber," but that "hee cannot tell all this time for what."

He says further that on the 30th of the same month, his master returning from Barkhamsteed about one in the morning, came up to his chamber "where he was, but not in bedd, and told him that he would beat out his braines, and swore that he would lay him at his feet because he was above staires, whereas hee saith his mistress bad him goe up." He says that the following morning his mistress and her daughters persuaded his master to beat him, "which he then did very sorely," but he could not tell for what offence. And further that on the 10th June, when he was in his bed asleep, about two or three in the morning, his master came up and "stroke him a great blow on the nose, and buffeted him about the face" and asked him why he was not up.

John Gascoyne being examined, says that he often heard the said Henry Harding cry in his master's house and "most commonly at night," and that he supposed that he was then beaten by his master.

Martha Gascoigne, mother of John Gascoigne, says that she saw Thomas Norman give his apprentice a box on the ear upon his asking leave to go to his father's house, and saying to his mistress he thought if she would have asked his master for him he would then have given him leave. She says also that living in the next house "she hath heard blows divers times stricken in the said Thomas Norman's house, but by whom she cannot safely sweare, onely shee saith she heard the said Tho. Norman speak very loud and call somebody rogue, and at the same time heard one cry very much whom she knew to bee the said Henry Harding by his voice."

Katharine Humfrey said that she had heard the apprentice, Henry Harding, cry out, "O Lord, O Lord," and at the same time heard divers blows given, and Thomas Norman's voice saying, "Sirrah, hold your tongue or I will knock you down."

455. The examination of Francis Lewin, of Albury, butcher:—

He says "that one Robert Lewin, of Nightingale Lane, London, dying lately, intestate, he the said Francis being brother to the deceased, did soon after take letters of administration of the goods and chattells of his said deceased brother, and coming to the house to take notice what goods were there, he found among other things a bundle of writings which he took and put into an old coffer in the said house; but that on coming again awhile after he missed the said writings and could never find them since." He suspected them to have been taken by one Anne Lewin, of Northchurch, widow, who was, at the same time, in the said house; "because, as he saith, he was told by Mary Lewin, his daughter, that she did see certaine writings in the handes of the said Anne in the said house afterwards, who unrolling the said writings asked the said Mary whose writings they were,' to which she replied "My father's," and the said Anne replied, "I think all is your father's."

The witness said he suspected Anne Lewin of taking other things from the deceased man's house, and further that "his disceased brother's maidservant, knowing where the said Anne Lewin lived, but not knowing where the said Francis or the rest of the kinred dwelt, did send a messenger with a letter down to the house of the said Anne desiring her, by the messenger, to give notice to the said Francis and the rest of the kinred of the death of the said brother Robert; but the said Anne went up herself to London with all speed and gave no notice to the said Francis, although he lived not above two miles from her, nor to Jone Leigh, sister of the desceased, who lived "within a bow-shoot" of the said Anne.

The witness further deposed that he came and craved a warrant from the justice, Dr. Wilford, to search the house of Anne Lewin for the "writings, moneys and other goodes," and went with the constable by "virtue of the same" to the said house and "finding therein a cofer locked up, desired to have it opened, and therein he found a bundle of linen sewed up, wherein the said Annie confessed were 24 poundes in money, 20 poundes of which shee said shee had of her deceased brother, and a paire of stockins and two shirtes," all which things the witness believed to be his, and to have been stolen by the said Anne Lewin.

456. The examination of Anne Lewin taken the 20th May:—

Being asked where she got the 24 pounds found in her house, Anne Lewin said that 20 pounds was given her by Robert Lewin, her brother-in-law, about 12 months before his death, and that the rest she had received for some goods of her own which she sold.

Being examined further she said that nobody was by when her brother-in-law gave her the 20 pounds, that she bought it away "before his death about three weeks after midsummer, 1666," and that she had sewed it up in the sheet since she came down into the country. She said that the sheets had formerly belonged to the deceased, and that his servant, Jone Serjeant, had sent them from Barking in Essex (where her said brother had another house) to his

house in Nightingale Lane, London, since his death, "for each of her two sonnes, one."

458. Presentment of a highway in Broxborn, leading from Hodgsdon to Wormley, which is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Broxborne.

459 Presentments that a bridge called New Bridge, in the parish of Westmill, in the King's highway leading from Royston to Ware, is very much out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county; and of the parish of Layston for not mending a very dangerous place in the river, on the back side of Buntingford, at a place called River Green.

460. "James Halfehead, of Standon, doth present John Lilly, of the same parish, for stopping of a watercourse, and turning the water a contrary way at Haren."

"John William Bennet, of Ware, doth present Nicholas Packer, of the same parish, for an eves-dropper."

463. Presentment of Edward Lodge, of "Wimly," for "tipling in time of Divine service on the Lord's day, and abusing the constable," and of the parish of Little Munden for ploughing up the church path and common road, being in Fellow's Field, leading from Munden to Bishop's Stortford; also of the parish of Much Munden for not mending their highway in Fellow's Field.

465. Presentment of New Bridge in the parish of Buntingford Westmill for not being in repair. To be repaired by the county.

467. Presentment that a bridge called New Bridge, between Braughin and Westmill, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county.

469. Presentment of Richard Wootton, of Stevenage, labourer, "for denying to watch and ward at his turne there, for the whole year last past."

471. Indictment of Nicholas Parker, of Ware, for exercising the art of a barber-surgeon, not having been educated for that or for any other art, nor served apprenticeship.

475. Indictment of the inhabitants of the county for neglecting

to repair a common cart-bridge called New Bridge, in the parish of Buntingford Westmill, on the highway leading from Puckeridge to Buntingford.

476. Indictment of Henry Dixon, of Enfeild, for inclosing the highway within the parish of Bennington, at a place called Moodus Hill.

480. Indictment of Edward Norman, of Eastwick, husbandman, for depositing filth in a stream in Eastwick, called Gould's Brook, thus contaminating the water.

485. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parishes of Hornmead Magna and Hornmead [Hormead] Parva, for neglecting to repair a common cart-road called Hostreet Lane, in the above parishes, leading from the highway to Hornmead Parva.

488. Indictment of Sarah, wife of Robert Feild, junior, of Bushey, husbandman, for stealing six table-napkins and other articles from George Blokwell.

489. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Layston, for neglecting to clean an ancient watercourse in the parish of Layston, in a place called "le Backside," which overflows and damages a common cart-road.

490. Indictment of Thomas Peirson, of Hitchin, for keeping a common alehouse there without licence.

494. Indictment of the inhabitants of the county for neglecting to repair a common cart-bridge called New Bridge, in the parish of Buntingford Westmill. (See No. 475).

495. Indictment of the inhabitants of Benjeo, for neglecting to repair a certain place on the highway there, called Paynes Cross, between Tunwell and Westmill, and Wadesmill and Benjeo.

496. Indictment of William, Earl of Salisbury, for neglecting to repair a common cart-bridge in the parish of Ware, in the highway there.

503. Presentment of Ann Lewin, of Northchurch, and Thomas Lewen, of Nightingall Lane, London, for forcible entry into the close and house of Robert Lewen, in Nightingall Lane, and stealing £24 and some articles of clothing.

513. Indictment of the inhabitants of Amwell Parva for neglecting to repair a common bridge in the parish, called "Hyebridge"

514. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for neglecting to repair a common footbridge in that parish, in a place called Chesthunt Marsh.

516. Indictment of the inhabitants of Ware for neglecting to repair a common bridge within that parish, called Ware Westmill.

521. Indictment of the inhabitants of the county for neglecting to repair a common cart-bridge at Buntingford Westmill called New (?) Bridge.

523. Indictment of the inhabitants of Standon for not repairing a common road there, in a place called Puckeridge Street, near a place there called "le Bell."

524. Indictment of Mary Dalton, widow, of Ware, for not repairing a "causey" in that parish in a place called "Magpy Lane."

525. Indictment of George Flyndell, of Preston, for not cleansing a watercourse in the parish of Stevenage, in a place there called "le Backlane."

527. Indictment of Jeoffrey Godfrey, of Therfeild, for not cleansing an ancient watercourse in the parish of Buckland, in a place between South Feild and Popthall Feild.

533. Indictment of Thomas Keightley, junior, of Hertingfordberry, aged 16 years and upwards and residing in that parish, as a popish recusant, and for not attending the parish church nor any other church or chapel.

545. Order by the court that "the matter of controversie between the inhabitants of Hatfield and the inhabitants of Newgate Street, touching the repair of the highways in the parish of Hatfield, is to be referred to Sir William Glascock, knt., and William Hale, Esq., two of the justices of the peace for the county, to examine, heare, and finally determine if soe they can, otherwise they are desired to report their opinions therein, at the next general quarter sessions."

548. Petition of the inhabitants of Wheathamsted to the bench, shewing "that whereas the petitioners stand charged with the payment of eleven pounds thirteen shillings and seaven pence for the relief of the townes of Hodsdon, Chesthunt, and Bishops Stortford, which were infected with the late contagion of pestilence, we beseech you to be pleased to take into your worthie considerations that the parishe of Wheathamsted was not free from that contagion, and that your petitioners have been at charge and expense in their owne parish in some proportion of like nature; and moreover that your petitioners are at a high and greate charge monthly for and towards the maintenance and relief of a large and numerous companie of poore people in their parish, such as can hardlie be equalled by anie parish of like continent neere about us." Wherefore they pray that the bench will "afforde" them what reasonable favour shall seem fit. Signed by Joel Jones, curate, the churchwardens, overseers, and others.

550. The petition of George Threddar, of the parish of Stevenage, lathrender, showing "whereas the petitioner is grown very antient and all most past his labour, (who having a lame wife to mayntaine) is driven to greate poverty and hardshippe, having little imployment in his trade or other work. He, the said petitioner, was formerly placed in an almeshouse in the said parish of Stevenage, to which a benefactor to the said parish did give to what partie soever was placed in the said house, the sum of £1 3s. 8d. per ann. Which said sum of money the petitioner did duly receive for severall yearse, during the life of the feeoffees that first placed him in the said almshouse; but the said feeoffees being deceased, the overseers of the poore or some other upon their accompt have withholden the said money soe given, and soe have done for all most a whole yeare, wherefore the petitioner being in great necessity humbly seekes your assistance by granting him the order that he may receive the said £1 6s. 8d. per ann. that he formerly received, and what is in arreare that hath been withheld from him."

551. The petition of the inhabitants of Kympton, showing that Dorothie Trawley (Crawley?), of Kympton, widow, having an estate of £12 per ann., ought to provide for her grandchild, Elizabeth Ellis, aged about 12 years, who is "at this present time chargeable to the said parish of Kympton," and desiring "that justice may be done for the settling of the said child by order of law."

553. The petition of William Hare, of Hertingfordbury, labourer, showing that on the 1st June "last past" there occurred at the dwelling-house of the petitioner at Hartingfordbury, "by some unknowne accident," a fire, which in a short time burned down the said dwelling-house, barns, stable, and outhouses, with all the petitioner's household goods and wearing apparel, the loss being estimated at £37 7s. 0d. He begs, therefore, that the justices of the peace will take his case into consideration and afford him such relief "as in such case is usuall."

554. The petition of John Wren, farmer, to the justices of the peace at Hertford, setting forth that on the 19th April, 1667, a fire occurred at Anstey, which consumed one malthouse, two cornlofts, one stable, one granary, and spoiled forty quarters of malt, five quarters of wheat, five quarters of barley, and ten quarters of oats, belonging to John Wren, "and thereby allmost brought to ruine the said John Wren, his wife, and seven small children," his loss being estimated at £100, and that besides being "much impoverisht," the said John Wren is "put out of his calling and employment," and he begs that his case may be recommended to the "charitable benevolence of all well-disposed persons" in the county. The petition is subscribed to by "some of the principall men of the parish of Anstey." Signed by Robert Neville, clerk, and others.

555. The petition of Thomas Burnapp to the justices of the peace for Hertford, showing that on Jan. 26th, 1665-6, about midnight, a fire occurred in the petitioner's malthouse, which burnt to the ground the said malthouse, with the maltlofts, kiln, and other materials belonging to it, besides destroying 224 quarters of malt and barley, the whole

amounting to the value of £401 4s. and upwards. The petitioner therefore begs that he be granted a licence "for the receiving of the charitable benevolence of all well-disposed persons in the county, for the relief of himselfe, his wife, and small children."

556. Certificate of some of the inhabitants of Stanstead Abbott as to the truth of the foregoing account of the loss sustained by Thomas Burnapp through the fire which occurred in his malthouse Jan. 26th, 1665-6.

558. "Munday, the 15th of July, 1667:"—
Certificate of Edward Baynes, rector, and Wm. Vernon, as to the losses of John Preston, of Hertingfordbury, by a fire which happened at his house by lightening on June 5th last past. The house which consisted of four bayes of buildings, one barn consisting of three bays of buildings, one stable and outhouse consisting of four bays, being all thatched, were all burned to the ground in the space of one hour, the loss being estimated at £320. The household goods and other things destroyed being valued at £30 and upwards.

559. Certificate of Thomas Ley, "surveyor for the hamblett of Newgate Street, in the parish of Hatfield," that the inhabitants of the said hamlet have performed their duty on the highways.

561. Certificate of the inhabitants of Baldock, that John Thorne, of the same towne, is "a very fitt and meete man to keep a common alehouse . . . and that he is wellknown to be a man of good life and conversation, also to rule and order his house and household with discression." Signatures follow.

562. Report taken in accordance with an order of the sessions by Sir William Glascock with reference to the differences between the inhabitants of Newgate Street and the inhabitants of Hatfield, "touching the repaires of their highwayes. . . . We have called the parties before us and heard both sides therein, but find their allegations very various . . . we thought fit therefore for the better finding out of the truth . . . to appoint certayn sub-

stantiall and indifferent persons and antient inhabitants in the neighbourhood to use the best means they could . . . to inform themselves, and then to give us their opinion therein; and about one month after they accordingly certified us that they had diligently inquired by view and otherwise . . . and they were all of opinion that the charge of amending the high and common wayes in Newgate Street hamlett was not their full part and share in proportion to the rest of the said parish." Signed, W. Glascock and Will. Haley. (See No. 545).

563. Calendar of prisoners for the sessions:—

Thomas Kirby and Thomas Vance for refusing the oath of allegiance.

John Kensey, Thomas West, Ebenezer Gollage, Rodger Cooper, William Baily, and Christopher Taylor, for refusing the oath of allegiance tendered in open court.

566. Account of money received from Mr. Nicholas, clerk, undersheriff of the county of Hertford, "the some of eight pounds, being foure yeares exhibition money due to the poore prisoners of the King's bench and Marshalseas at Middsommer. Received by me, Robert Hyde."

567. "A inventary of the goods of William Hare that he had burned the first day of June, 1667:"—

	£	s.	d.
A tabell and stolles and a beed steed at ...	3	0	0
A prasse and cobarde at	1	10	0
A tronk and 2 chestes at	1	2	0
Chars a ches prase a bucking tube and other tubs with balls and other corn-bar(?)	1	15	6
A nother beed steed at	0	10	0
For 2 ketells, 2 posnets, a warming-pan, and a friing-pan	2	10	0
For peuter	2	11	6
For a rouge and 2 blankets	2	2	0
2 fether bollsters and 2 flouk bollsters and 2 fether pellows	3	16	0

	£	s.	d.
For 5 pare of sheets and 110 sheefts, and 6 pellow bers and 2 tabell clouths at ...	7	5	0
For smoll fine waring lening and chilld beed lening	3	5	0
For his and his wife's waring clouths ...	5	0	0
For a new par of certins, and a cradell and a cobard clouth	1	15	0
Round wood and fagots	1	15	0
	37	7	0

Certified by Ed. Baynes, rector, and others.

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233. January 1. Information of William Fielding, of Cheshunt, butcher, that on Sunday, 30 December, he lost a sheep out of the Frithaw, a common mead in Cheshunt and upon searching for it he found the skin of the same sheep (which he knew by the mark) in the shop of John Dutton, the younger, butcher.

399. January 2. Certificate that Mary Mayhew, of Much Hadham, widow, has amended a watercourse in a close called the "Backside" in Much Hadham.

400. January 11. Certificate that John Browne, esq., was buried in the parish church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on 9 January, 1666-7.

333. January 14. Presentments of John Richardson, of Ware, for using false weights; of Nicholas Parker, of Ware, for following the calling of a barber-surgeon and school-master; and of John Richardson, of Ware, for taking in Nicholas Parker as an inmate.

334. January 14. Presentments that a bridge called New Bridge, lying between Buntingford Westmill and Braughin, in the common highway is decayed, and that it has been usually repaired by the county; that the common highway in a place called Payne's Cross or the Foure-Want-

Way, between Funnell (Tunnell?) and Westmill, and between Wadesmill and Bengeo, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Bengeo.

410, 414, 415. Accounts of moneys received and paid for the use of people visited with the plague, in the parishes of Bishop's Stortford, Hoddesdon, and Cheshunt, during the years 1666-1670. Memorandum by H. Gore and W. Glascock, that they have made certain allowances from the balence of moneys collected on account of the plague, to Mr. Richards and Mr. Browne; and £5 12s. 5d. to John Rimmington, towards building a county bridge in Sawbridgeworth.

335. Presentment that a lane called Hostreet, leading from the King's highway to Little Hormeade, and lying between the parishes of Great Hormead and Little Hormead, is in decay, and that it ought to be repaired by both parishes; and that New Bridge, lying in the road between Buntingford and Puckeridge, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the county.

303. Indictment of Thomas Lee, of Hertingfordbury, for exercising the trade of a cloth weaver, without having been apprenticed seven years.

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609. Recognizance that Oliver Rush shall not allow in his alehouse "any play at unlawfull games, but shall maintain good order and rule."

647. Information against George Heath, of Hertford, yeoman, for exercising the craft of "a common brewer" without having served an apprenticeship, for which offence he forfeits £22 to the King, namely for 11 months at 40s. per month.

650. Examination of Mary, the wife of John Grastam, of the parish of Chesthunt, taken against George Lowin and William Saull, July 3rd.

The deponent says that on June 18th, as she stood in her own yard she saw "a reddish dogg bring a hinde caulfe

into her husband's close, adjoining to Drachgrove, and the caulf makeing into the grove the dogg pulled it downe, and presently after came three men and tooke it and carryed into the wood, whereof shee knew two of them, namely George Lowen and William Saull, but the thyrd shee knew not, they being gone before she could make up to them, where she found the blood, but the caulf they had conveyed away and thus much shee can evidence against them."

"The said George Lowen and William Saull hath confessed the carrying away of the deere, but deny the dogg, neither know they whose dog he was nor from whence he came."

Furthermore William Saull hath acknowledged that George Archer was the thyrd man that was with them.

653. Presentment of the parish of Ashwell for not repairing and keeping up "the foote-bridge accustomed to lye over the water at the mill-end and leading from thence to Morden, but suffering the same to be broaken downe and carryed away."

654. Presentments that a foot-bridge in the parish of Ware, over the great river leading from Ware to Hertford, adjoining to a mead called Baals Hook is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the owners of Ware Park, and John Heath, of Hertford; that a common highway in Stondon, called the Cawsey, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Stondon; and that a highway called the Bourne, in Stondon, leading from Sacombe to Highcrosse, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Stondon.

655. Presentment that the highway leading from Hertingfordbury to St. Andrew's, Hertford, ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of St. Andrew's.

656. Presentments that the bridge called the High Bridge, lying between Cowbridge Mead and Bawley Hacke, in All Saints, Hertford, is out of repair, "which hath been repaired by the owners of Ware Park, and John Heath, of Hertford;" of the parish of Amwell for a lane called Hoe Lane, which is out of repair; and of John Sarling "for not making up

his fence between Brookfield and Kileymore, in the parish of Chesthunt."

658. Presentments that the highway leading from Hodesdone Berry to Hodesdon by "Mar Roydon's," being a common market-way is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Broxborne and Wormley; that a lane in Broxborne, leading from Bassehills Common to Broxborne Street, "leading against Mar Palmer's house," which is a common market-way, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Broxborne; and of Thomas Marshall for abusing his apprentice living in Sabridgworth.

659. Presentment that the highway leading from Albury End to Stondon, in the parish of Albury, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Albury.

661. Presentment of the Earl of Salisbury for not repairing Nun's bridge, standing in Cheshunt Wash, in the parish of Cheshunt.

664. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Throcking, leading from Newchiping to Layston, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Throcking.

665. "Mr. Byrgis, as John Adams, liveing in the parish of Stanstid, was presented for nott mayking of a ditch in the parish of Hunsdon, leading from Scowbyes to a place called Braynches Greene, against a field called Woodfield, [which] is now made, wee desire you that you would bee pleased to take of [f] this presentment." Signed, George Eliott and Tho. Rogers.

669. Indictment of the inhabitants of Throcking for not repairing a road there, in a place called Oakefield, leading from Throcking to Royston.

679. Indictment of the inhabitants of the county for not repairing a cartbridge called "Newbridge," on the highway leading from Royston to Ware.

681. Indictment of the inhabitants of the county for not repairing a cart-bridge called "Newbridge," on the highway between Braughin and Westmill.

682. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Broxborne for not repairing a highway there, leading from Broxborne to Wormley.

686. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Layston for not repairing a road there, in a place called "le River greene."

691. Presentment of George Chapman, of Stevenage, for not repairing a road there, in a place called "le Backlane," near a close called "Backlane Close."

693. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Stondon for not repairing a road there in a place called "le Cawsey."

694. Indictment of ——— (*sic*), of Ware Park, and John Heath, of Hertford, for not repairing a footbridge over the river Lee and adjoining a meadow there called "Baals Hooke."

695. Indictment of John Tarling, of Chesthunt, for not repairing the fences between a field called "Brookefield" and a field called "Kilsmorefield" in the above parish.

696. Indictment of ——— (*sic*), of Ware Park, and John Heath, of Hertford, for not repairing a bridge called "Highbridge," lying between a meadow called "Cowbridgmead" and "Baals Hooke Mead."

697. Indictment of the inhabitants of Stondon for not repairing a road there, in a place called "le Bourne."

698. Indictment of the inhabitants of Ashwell for not repairing a footbridge there leading from Ashwell to Morden.

700. Indictment of the parish of Weston for not repairing a common highway "Tilekill-lane" in that parish, leading from Weston to Stevenage.

701. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Amwell for not repairing a road there, in a place called "Hoe Lane."

702. Indictment of Thomas Reeve, of Weston, gentleman, William Underwood, of the same, gentleman, Daniel Horsuch, of the same, gentleman, Robert Hide, of the same, tailor, Thomas Pen, of the same, blacksmith, and William Peirman, of the same, carpenter, for forcible entry into the close of meadow

called "Barnwick," of William Fisher, gentleman, and expelling him therefrom. [Note.—A true bill was found against Peirman and thrown out against all the others].

708. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for not repairing a highway there in a place called "Drakelane."

709. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Albury for not repairing the highway there leading from a place called Albury End to Standon.

710. Indictment of the inhabitants of Broxbourne for not repairing the highway there leading from a place called "Basse Hills Common" to Broxbourne Street.

711. Indictment of the inhabitants of Broxbourne and the inhabitants of Wormley for not repairing a highway leading from Hoddesdenberry to Hoddesden.

712. Indictment of John Collupp, of Braughin, for not cleansing an ancient watercourse in the parish of ——— (*sic*), in a place called "Fisher's Mead," leading from Puckeridge to Standon.

724. Presentment of Thomas Sheppard, of Wymondley Magna, for not repairing a fence in a field called "Acton, alias Esterne," field, in Wymondley Magna, next to the close called "Milkwell Ley."

726. Indictment of Joseph Reddall, of Hertford, labourer, for falsely accusing Robert Deane, doctor of medecine, and Elizabeth, his wife, of robbing him of 7s. 6d.

728. Indictment of Richard Read, of Flaunden, husbandman, for not cleansing an ancient watercourse in a place in the parish called "Towne Meade."

731. Indictment of Magdalene Rawden, of Hoddesden, for not cleansing a ditch in Broxbourne, leading to Lime Mill in Hoddesdon, called "Blackditch."

737. Indictment of John Serridge, of Stondon, husbandman, for neglecting his duty as surveyor of the common highway at Stondon.

738. Indictment of Edward Goodman, of Hunsdon, for stopping and damming up a watercourse near the mill dam there.

739. Indictment of William, Earl of Salisbury, for not repairing a common footbridge called "Nunsbridge," in the parish of Chesthunt, in a place called "Chesthunt Wash."

748. Conviction of Thomas Gladwin, senior, of Stortford, labourer, John Reade, of the same, locksmith, William Wright, of the same, tailor, Thomas Gladwin, junior, of the same, edgetool smith, Edward Herridge, of the same, tailor, Reynold Ramsey, of the same, chairmaker, John Westfeild, of the same, shoemaker, and Mary Payne, of the same, spinster, all over 18 years of age, for assembling in the house of William Wright, in the parish of Stortford, with seven other unknown persons, besides the family of William Wright, for practising a religion contrary to that set down in the liturgy.

749. 13 March. The petition of Marian Evaardsdon, of Risden, to the justices of the peace of Hertford, showing that Mathew Finkell, of Amwell Magna, husbandman, did in September last hire a maid-servant, namely, Elizabeth Evaardsdon, one of the daughters of the petitioner, for one year at twenty shillings per annum, commencing from the 29th September, and that she has served half-a-year, for which time Mathew Finkell refuses to pay her wages, "giving her many threatening words." Also that the said Mathew Finkell and his man Edward Layman, have formerly abused another child of the petitioner, namely, John Evaardsdon, who formerly lived as a servant with the said Mathew, but is now dead. The petitioner therefore begs that an order may be granted that the said Mathew Finkell may be brought before the justices to answer the charge brought against him.

750. The petition of the inhabitants of Totteridge to the justices of the peace at Hertford, "sheweth that the said parish of Totteridge never had in the memory of man any common alehouse allowed or licensed to be sett upp amongst them, there being noe usuall road through the said village to any place or markett towne whatsoever. Nevertheless a licence hath bin lately granted to one John Bemon to sell ale and beer in the said parish, who is by profession a taylor, and clerk of the parish, and able to get a competent livelihood

thereby, if he would apply himself to his callinge, his wife, also a lusty young woman, able to worke for her living.

That the said alehouse is of noe other use than to debauch the poor neighbourhood and servants of the said parish, being a disorderly tipling house, receiving and entertaining idle persons, and suffering them to continue and sitt drinking there, not only on ordinary dayes, but on Sundayes also, and manytimes at unseasonable hours in the night, and is a harbour for vagrants and vagabonds, to the great prejudice and indangeringe of the said neighbourhood.

We therefore pray that for the prevention of the aforesaid inconveniencyes you would please to recall the licence granted to the said John Bemon."

Signed by Rich. Lee, D.D., rector, and others.

751. The petition of the inhabitants of Chesthunt to the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, complaining that since the removal of the court from Theobalds they have been assessed at a higher rate than formerly, "when they were in the highest prosperity of estate," and that they are now "noe waies able to bear it." That many of the best houses already stand empty and that many more of the inhabitants are "ready to give over and depart, which will be an utter ruin of the poore of the parish."

They therefore desire that the justices will direct "how and in what manner they ought to proceed in this assessment for the robbery. Secondly, that they will be pleased to reduce the parish to its antient small proportion (looking upon the poverity into which it is reduced), and to rate it at a fifth and 3 quarters to the whole hundred, or at least to ease them in some reasonable proportion from that so heavy a burthen they now growne under. And thirdly, that considering the disability of their parish to relieve the poor they may be granted such assistance as the justices shall think fitt and convenient." [*Document damaged on the right-hand side*].

752. The petition of some of the inhabitants of Little Hadham to the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, showing that John Free, victualler, of the above parish, has been

falsely accused of keeping "very much disorder in his house on the Saboath dayes" and now stands indicted to answer for the same at the next quarter sessions. And that they "know it for certaine, being neere neighbours, that there is noe such disorder kept in his house, hee is a very civill man in behaviour, living quietly, peaceably, and lovingly amongst us, and very painful and laborious in his calling of husbandry for the maintenance of his poor wife and children." They therefore entreat the justices of the peace in his behalf "that they will dismiss him out of the court." Signatures follow.

754. The petition of John Clerke, one of Sir Henry Jone's troop, in the regiment of the Earl of Oxford, to the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, showing that the petitioner, upon occasion of attending one of his superior officers lately residing near Barnett, was sent for to the house of Joseph Johnson, the older, which is a common alehouse or tippling house in the parish of Shenley, and that he was there "greatly abused by the said Johnson and his wife and two sons, John and Joseph, and others. But that being ordered to the Head Quarters at Herefort (*sic*), on his Majesty's service, he cannot attend personally to prove the charge."

Yet forasmuch as the said house is known to be a house of much disorder and injurious to the neighbourhood, and generally suspected to harbour rogues, robbers, and highwaymen, and is dangerously situated by a woodside called Pauls Grove, near Rowley Green, in the parish of Shenley, and having licence to sell beer "doth under colour thereof shelter and give entertainment to people of bad fame. And this said Johnson and his son are quarrelsome and abusive to travellers."

The petitioner therefore begs that the said Johnson may be deprived of his said licence.

756. The petition of Laurence Hammond, of Stondon Green End, in the parish of Stondon, weaver, and Margaret, his wife, setting forth that on the 10th December, 1668, when the said Margaret was in the kitchen brewing "the fire brake out of the tunnell of the lead so vehemently that it took

hold of the thatch of their dwelling-house standing alone, and burnt and consumed within a verie little space, the greatest part of there said house, with divers of there goods belonging to his said trade, and wheat which they had layd in a loft for their owne use, and divers goods of other mens which he was to doe for them of his trade, which said goods they lye lyable to make good, so that the loss and damage susteyned is estimated at £100, in consideration of which the petitioners desire that they may be granted a sessions order for making a collection in all the parish churches of the county to enable them to repair their losses. Subscribed to by John Denison, vicar, of Stondon, the churchwardens, and others.

758. The petition of the churchwardens, overseers of the poor, and inhabitants of the parish of Baldocke, showing that one John Fitzjohn, who was legally settled at the parish of Little Munden, "did privately and without the knowledge or consent of the petitioners, hire a house under the value of ten pounds per ann. in the said parish of Baldock, and endeavour to settle himself there to the burthen and impoverishment of the said parish of Baldock, he being a poore man and refusing to give security for the discharging of the parish. And further that notwithstanding that the said John Fitzjohn had been, by virtue of a warrant from two justices of the peace, removed to the parish of Mur den, where he was last legally settled, and had promised to abide and continue there, yet contrary to his promise hath returned againe to the said parish of Baldocke, and there i ideavoures still to settle himselfe."

The petitioners therefore desire that an order of the court may be granted them for removing the said John Fitzjohn and Mary, his wife, back to the parish of Little Munden.

759. 30 March. The petition of the inhabitants of Bovingdon, complaining that one John Houlte, of Bovingdon, having been suppressed for drawing beer "hath since covertly procured a licence, . . . and doth still continue keeping misorders in his house, and did on a certain Sunday and at other times, harbour in his house one William

Gosowns, a servant in the town." The petitioners desire, therefore, that the said John Houlte may be suppressed.

Signed by the constable, churchwardens, and others.

767. 5 Oct. Calendar of prisoners in custody for the sessions :—

Thomas Vauce and Richard Kirby "committed for refusing the oath of allegiance and have since refused, it being tendred in court."

770-773. "The accompt of John Sydenham, gent., treasurer for the week's asseasment for the county of Hertford."

"Mr. Sydenham's accomp^{t} treasurer for the week's day :—

Received for the 3 severall weeks' asseasment granted by act of parliament for trophies and other things concerning the millitia of the county of Hertford for the years of 1663, 1664, and the year 1665, according to a list given me by Mr. Humphrey Packer, clerk of the militia, the sum of £1050 00 00

The dates of orders :—

March 3rd/63. Paid to Mr. Edward Laurence by my Lord Lieutenant's order to by trophes for which I have his receipt £100 00 00

May 12th/64. Paid by the Lord Lieutenant's order to Mr. Edward Laurence for the inferior officers of Collonell Willoughby's company as by a recipt under Mr. Laurence his hand may apeare £008 10 00

May 12th/64. Paid Mr. Laurence by the Lord Lieutenant's order for the inferior officers of Sir Richard Atkins his company as by his recipt may apeare £007 00 00

May 12th/64. Paid by the Lord Lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer as a reward for his pains, being clerk of the millitia as by his recipt will apeare £040 00 00

June 9th/65. Paid Mr. Humfrey Packer by order from the deputy Lieutenant for a year's sallary as being clerk of the millitia as by his recipt will apeare £050 00 00

Paid by the same order to Mr. Edward Lawrence for his service in the millitia as by his recipt will apeare £040 00 00

Paid by the same order to Major Edward Crosby for his service in the militia £025 00 00

Paid by the same order to myselfe for service in the said millitia £020 00 00

May 27th/65. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer for pay due to the serjants, corporalls, and drummers in the company of Captain Hoestward, as by his recipt will apeare £014 00 00

May 10th/66. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer for his salary as being clerk of the millitia unto our Lady Day last as by his recipt will apeare £050 00 00

May 10th/66. Paid by the same order to Mr. Sidenham for service relating to the millitia to the same time £020 00 00

August 28th/66. Paid Mr. Edward Laurence by the deputy-lieutenant's order for having deserved the sum for service done in the millitia £050 00 00

Sept. 10th/66. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir John Watts for the furnishing out of the soldiers belonging to the company of Captaine Robert Sadler, with provision of amunition and victualls in their march as by his recipt £010 00 00

Oct. 5th/66. Paid by the Lord Lieutenant's order Corporall John Wingfield for his service in the millitia by recipt £006 00 00

Oct. 6th/66. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Henry Daldron, lieutenant in Captaine Wingal's company as by his recipt £014 00 00

Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir Phillip Boteleers for 8 days' pay for 3 caporalls as by recipt £004 16 00

Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir Thomas Leventhorp for eight days' pay for 3 corporalls as by his recipt £004 16 00

Oct. 27th/66. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Captaine William Hale for 14 days' pay for his non-commissioned officers as by his recipt £014 00 00

Jan. 26th/66-7. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir John Watts for eight days' pay for 3 corporalls as by his recipt £004 16 00

June 3rd/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir Richard Atkins for 14 days' pay for his non-commissioned officers as by his recipt for the same £007 00 00

June 7th/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Sir Richard Atkin's men for eight days' pay for his non-comissioned officers as by his recipt £008 00 00

June 17th/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer for Sir Richard Atkins his non-commissioned officers in the companies under his command, in parte of seventy pounds by the said order as by his recipt ... £035 00 00

July 20th/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Henry Castle, lieutenant, and John Waller, ensigne of Captaine Steward's company as by their recipt... ... ... £007 00 00

Sept. 21st/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Packer for eight days' pay due to the non-commissioned officers of several troops as of Sir Thomas Leventhorps, Sir John Watts, and Sir Phillip Boteley, as by his recipt for the same £014 08 00

Sept. 21st/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer for his sallary due at Lady Day last past as by his recipt £050 00 00

Sept. 21st/67. Paid myselfe by the same order to Lady Day last past	£020 00 00
Sept. 21st/67. Paid Major Edward Crosby by order from the deputy-lieutenant as muster-master of the county of Hertford and for other service by him done in the millitia as by his recipt for the same may apeare	£050 00 00
Sept. 21st/67. Paid by order of the deputy-lieutenant to Mr. Humfrey Packer, it being for pay in arrears for the trumpetts of the three troops of horse, that is, for Sir Thomas Leventhorp's trumpetts £25, for Sir John Watts's trumpetts £25, for Sir Philip Botebeer £25, in all as by his recipt for the same...	£075 00 00
Oct. 7th/67. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer for two drums for Captain Sadler's company as by his recipt ...	£002 10 00
Oct. 26th/67. Paid Mr. Humfrey Packer, clark of the millitia by the deputy-lieutenant's order for his half-year's sallary due at Michs. '67, as by his recipt for the same	£025 00 00
The accomptant craves to be allowed the 4d. in the pound according to the act of parliament to the asseasor's clerk and himselfe for the whole £1050 which amounts unto ...	£017 10 00
Paid Mr. Humfrey Packer for sending of severall letters to severall comanders in the time of the Dutch invasion	£001 14 06
May 14th/68. Paid by the deputy-lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer, clerk of the millitia for his halfe-year's sallary due at our Lady Day, 1668, last past	£025 00 00
May 14th/68. Paid to Mr. John Sydenham for his whole year's sallary, due at Lady Day, 1668, last past, by the same order as above... ...	£020 00 0
The totall of the disbursements ...	£841 00 06
By money not paid in	£006 09 04
Remaining in my hand...	£202 10 02

Dec 22nd/68. Received by the Lord Lieutenant's order of Mr. Humfrey Packer for the fines levied upon the several defaulters in the millitia of this county £23 15 06

Dec. 22nd/68. Paid by the Lord Lieutenant's order to Mr. Humfrey Packer, for his halfe-year's sallary ending at Michs. last year £25 00 00

Dec. 22nd/68. Paid by the Lord Lieutenant's order to Major Crosby for a whole year's sallary for his service in the militia, ending at Michs. last past... ... ... £30 00 00

Dec. 23rd/68. Paid to myselfe by the Lord Lieutenant's order for my half-year's sallary ending at Michs. last past for my service in the millitia £10 00 00

Jan. 11th/68. Remaining in my hands of this money £161 05 08

775. "John Griffin, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Odsey, complaynes of Henry Sell and Lowell Squire, constables of Hinxworth, for that they refuse to pay him their quarteridges, which is to make up his sum he is to pay quarterly to the treasur, the gaole, and house of correction.

There payment is—06s. 08d. evrie quarter, they are four quarters behind, and four shillings charged upon them for and towards the repair of New Bridge and other county bridges."

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41. January 13, 1667-8. Recommendation by the justices of the peace, of John Burnapp, of Stanstead Abbot, maltster, to the various ministers of the several parishes in the county, for assistance and charitable benevolence, he, having had his malt-house burnt down.

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44. 19 Nov. Recognizance for the appearance of Isaac Allis,

William Bustard, Richard Thorrogood, and Joseph Taylor, "att the next quarter sessions of the peace to bee held for the said county, there to answer for violently cutting downe of the Turn Pike neare Choalke Iselland, being warned to the contrary, and for assaulting of Samuell Goodwyn that warned them."

47. 4 December. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Cooper, at the next sessions to prefer a bill of indictment, "and give the best evidence hee can against William Whitehead, of Hitchin, in this county, baker, concerning suspicion [of] stealing of certain netts and fferritts of the goods of Silvanus Rowley, of Pirton, in this county, gentleman." See No. 48.

52. 4 December. Information by Thomas Cooper concerning the nets and ferrits stolen from his master, Silvanus Rowley; thirteen of these were found in the house of William Whitehead, "two of which netts he deposeth upon oath that he knoweth them by severall markes to be the very netts that was stolen as aforesaid."

53. Same date. Examination of William Whitehead :—"About seaven weekes agoe hee hapned to goe into a certaine ffeild, near Oftley, in this county, to gather slowes, where he accidentally mett with a strange unknowne person with fferretts and netts, and, after some little discourse, desired this examinate that hee might goe home with him to his house, to eate a hott lofe and drinke a pott of ale, and beeing there a little while, hee left certaine netts in the house of this examinate. And more hee saith not."

54. 11 January, 1668-9. Presentment of John Pepercorne, of Haddam Parva, for, *inter alia*, "an hedge which doth hang over the highway and is annusana to the King's subjects."

55. 11 January, 1668-9. Presentment that a bridge in the parish of Braughin, is out of repaire and "very dangeros to goe over."

57. Same date. Presentment of Tho. Nash, of Digswell, "for keeping ill orders on the Sabboth day in his alehouse last Sabboth."

60. Presentment of Abraham Watson, of Sabridgeworth, "for making a sawpitt in the street, it being very dangerous for any that shall passe by in the night."

61. 12 July. Presentments (1) "of Thomas Bunyon and his wife, of Royston, in ye said county of Hertford, for not goeing to the parish church for a month from ye 10th May;' (2) that the highway "that goeeth from Lettell Munden to Stondon" is out of repair.

66. Indictment of Thomas Gatward, of Royston, co. Cambridge, for uttering scandalous words towards Francis Gynn, viz., "What you (Francis Gynn) come into the highway to steal men's horses, and it is all one as to pick a man's pocket!"

67. Indictment of John Foster, of Tring, for refusing to help with his cart and horses towards the repairing of the common highway, in the parish of Tring, within the hamlet of Longmarston, leading from Buckingham towards London.

71. Indictment of the Earl of Salisbury for not repairing a common footbridge, called Nunnsbridge, within the parish of Chesthunt, in a place there called Chesthunt Wash.

81. Indictment of Thomas Hurst, of Layston, yeoman, for riotously and unlawfully assembling there, with others to the number of a hundred.

85. Indictment of John Allen, the elder, of Stondon, for using false and scandalous words about Joan, wife of Richard Mills, to wit, "Jone Mills is a witch and did bewitch the ale of Matthew Parnell," by means of which words he has taken away her good name and fame.

86. Indictment of Thomas Bigg, of King's Walden, yeoman, for ploughing up a cartway there in Wandon Feild, leading from Wanden towards Breach (*sic*) Wood Green.

88. Indictment of Francis Welle for not repairing a common cartbridge in the parish of Broxborne, leading thence to the church there.

99. Indictment of John Blads, otherwise Lutten, of Ware, for not repairing a hedge there leading towards Eastnea Brooke, in a place there called Warehouse Field.

102. Petition of Nicholas Smyth, minister, and other inhabitants of Braughin, whose signatures appear, to the justices of the peace at Hertford, showing that on the 11th of May "last past," there happened in the parish of Braughin a "sudain fire which in the space of one hour burned down the dwelling-houses of Tho. Wright, Ed. Brett, John Wood, Robert Goodwin, and William Wrangle, two barnes of the said Thomas Wright, two barnes and one stable of Henry Brett, the goods of the said sufferers, and of Henry Wright and Matthew Tomlins, inhabitants of the said parish, the which building consisting of 17 [171 ?] bayes, which together with the goods consumed amount unto the value of 207*l.* and upwards, to the impoverishing of the said sufferers without the help and assistance of well-disposed persons." They therefore beg that the "misery and poverty of the sufferers" may be commended "unto the charity of our neighbours."

103. The petition of Margery Gibson, of Little Ayott, to the justices of the peace at Hertford, "sheweth that your poore petitioner once before did petition this Bench concerning Mr. Jesper Wilshere's most cruell and unchristianlike dealing, as first by defaming and taking away the good name and repute, by evill word, it being without desert but proceeding from malice, soe that he hath done what lyes in him utterly to ruin and undoe your petitioner and her children, suffering allready by a long imprisonment even to extremitie, and notwithstanding his promise to the Bench that he would forgive the petitioner the some of 25s. behind for rent, now he will performe nothing, but deteynes my goods for the said rent, but now and then in a scoffing manner offers a shilling but parts not with it, and excuseth it with this, that he hath often offered your petitioner money, and that your petitioner rejected it, refusing to receive it, he hath provided your petitioner a house which is not habitable, for it is open both to wind and weather. Whereas the Bench did order that the said Mr. Wilshire should consider your petitioner with some reasonable allowance, having soe great a charge to maintain, but he will doe nothing, your petitioner having nothing but hand labour to provide herself and children withall." She therefore begs that their

Worships will "comiserate her condition" that she and her children may not utterly perish.

104. The petition of John Thorne, a weaver at Widforde, that he may be permitted to carry on his trade of weaving, notwithstanding an indictment brought against him by William Simson, his former master, who says that the petitioner did not serve out his time with him as prentice. The petitioner "shewest that the said John Thorne was with the said William Simson for the space of two years and upwards, but the said Simson was at noe charge of meate, drinke, washinge, lodginge, or apparell, and the said Simson being a Quaker, and would not be obeidient to the lawes of the nation, was carried to prison and there continued for a time, soe that your petitioner was forst to worke with other men." He further shews that "there was a pair of indentures drawne betweene the said parties but never sealed," as the petitioner "did not like the said Simson, he beinge of a contrary judgment and an excommunicated person." The truth of the petition is witnessed by Ro. Elborowe, minister, and other inhabitants of Widford, who state that the petitioner "is a very honest yonge man and of good life and conversation," and that "it is out of mallice in regard hee hath used the trade seven yeares and upwards, since he came from the said William Simson, and never was aniwaies molested before."

106. January 8th, 1668-9. Certificate of the inhabitants of Stondon "that the post which Ralph Say hath placed and sett up in the streete is no wayes prejudiciall, but a great safegaurd to the church-path by keeping the horses from goeing upon it and spoyleing of it."

107. January 11th, 1668-9. Certificate of Samuell Goodman, mayor, of the Burrough of Hertford, and Robert Deane, "Dr. in phissick," two justices of the peace, that the highway lying in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, leading from Hertford to Hertingfordbury, has been repaired by the inhabitants of St. Andrew's.

108. April 23rd, 1668-9. Certificate by William Hughes, curate, and others, that Abraham Watson, of Sabridgeworth, "is

and hath been for these five years last past, or more, a man conformable and obedient to the government . . . that he hath ever since frequented his parish church and none other, that he hath ever since received the holy sacrament twice or thrice every year, that he hath ever since payd his tithes and all church duties, that at that time or before he voluntarily tooke the oath of alleageance, and hath ever since payd all taxes and town rates . . . and withall that he is a very aged and lame man unable to labour, and but of small estate," and requesting that his goods may not be seized for payment of a fine of "three pounds and odd money; which is double the fine imposed upon any obstinate willfull excommunicated person in our parish, and that he be not henceforward more rigorously dealt with than those that are out of the Comunion of the Church."

110. June 17th. Certificate that Pole Lane, in the parish of Little Hadham, leading from Weseldun Greene to Ware, is now in good and sufficient repaire."

112. October 20th. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Weston, near Parson's Green, leading from the said Greene to Weston, has been repaired by the inhabitants of Weston.

113. December 20th. Certificate by John Monson and W. Glascock that two highways leading from the Base Hills to Broxborne Street, and from Hoddesdon Bury into the common road in Hoddesdon have been repaired by the inhabitants of Broxbourne.

114. Certificate of William Elliott, rector, and churchwardens, that Thomas Gray, of Colny, in the parish of Shenley, "cometh constantly to his parish church to the publique worship of God when he is in health."

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338. January 12, 1668-9. Presentment that the highway leading from New Chipping in the parish of Buckland to Layston, in the parish of Throcking, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the parish of Throcking.

42. Order by the justices of the peace:—States that there are

frequent unlawful assemblies of great numbers of persons, both at Theobalds, and at the houses commonly called the King's Stables and elsewhere, in the parish of Cheshunt to the terror of the King's subjects. The constables are therefore ordered to disperse such assemblies, and, upon refusal, to arrest the principals, especially such as teach or preach.

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1670.

152. January 1st, 1669-70 :—

(1) Presentment of the parishioners of Stondon for not repairing a common pump in Puckridge Street "which hath hath been out of repayre for many years." (See also No. 421).

(2) Presentment that a certain lane in the parish of Cheshunt, "in the occupation of Clement Wabie, otherwise Hadnutt, hath been a common foot-path, church-path, and mill-path, for threeskore years, which lane for one whole year last past" has been "kept back and not suffered" by the said Wabie.

(3) Presentment that the Market Cross of Hodsdon "is so much out of repayre that the market people cannot sit under it as formerly they did, without danger of their lives," and that the inhabitants of Hoddesdon ought to repair it.

(4) Presentment that a bridge called Nunn's Bridge in the King's highway, in the parish of Cheshunt, is out of repair and ought to be repaired by "James, lord of Salisbury."

157. Presentments that a town well, standing in the parishes of Aspedine and Layston is out of repaire, and ought to be repaired by the said parishes; and that the highway called "Wadkins" [Watling Street?], in the parish of Ashwell, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the said parish.

158. Presentments of Cicily Grapes, widow, and Mary and Sarah Grapes, singlewomen, of Tewin, for absenting themselves from their parish church for twelve months; and similar presentment of Thomas Bush, of Sabridgeworth, malster.

160. July 11th. Presentment that a bridge "called the Chappell Bridge," in the parish of Laistone, ought to be repaired by the county.

163. October 3rd. Presentments of John Cheare, husbandman, of Cheshunt, for stopping a common current of water running from Turner's Hill to the Common Marsh in Chesunt; of Arthur Benford, of Chesunt, coachman, for "entertaining of severall sorts of persons in sermon time to the profaning of the Sabbath day," and permitting them to tipple in his house; of Samuel Rudd, of Wades Mill, for absenting himself from church, William Parnell and his wife, Richard May, Widow Coleman, Abraham Haldwin and his wife, Thomas Cooper and Richard Hale, all of Little Barkhamsteed; and Jeremiah Herne, shopkeeper; John Holmestead, malster; Joshuah Meade, poulterer; and Edward Campe, blacksmith.*

Further presentment that a cart-bridge by the conduit in Hoddesden, being "broken and out of repaire," causes "a nuisance and overflow of water into several men's yards there." The inhabitants of Hoddesdon ought to repair it. Of Mr. Fownes, Mr. Rumball, John Simpson, John Burnapp, the elder, all of Stansted, for not repairing to their parish church "two Lord's dayes immediately before the 14th of September, 1670."

165. October 3rd. Presentment that Buntingford Westmill highway leading from Buntingford to Puckridge is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Buntingford Westmill.

Further presentments of Mr. Michill, William Squire, Thomas Squire, and John Goodwin, of Stondon, and Mr. Bradley, of Westmill, for carrying in the highways contrary to the act, 12 quarters of barley at a time; and that a dam, made by Francis Wells in the navigable river between Ware and Hertford at Chalke Island, "diverteth the water out of the ancient navigable stream."

166. Presentment that the bridge at Westmill is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the owner.

172. Indictment of Edward Craft, of Baldock, for "thwarting with a Cawsey" the common highway.

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* Numerous other presentments in this and the succeeding years for not attending church.

173. Presentment of the inhabitants of Layston for not repairing a bridge there called the Chappell Bridge.

174. Indictment of the inhabitants of Broxborne for not repairing a bridge within that parish called Spittle Brook Bridge.

175. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for not repairing a bridge there called Chesthunt Nunnery Bridge.

176. Indictment of the inhabitants of Great Hadham for not repairing a bridge there called "le ——— bridge."

180. Indictment of Allin Pixley, of Newgate Street, in the parish of Hatfield, for erecting a cottage on the common highway, and taking in and enclosing ten rods of the said highway.

187. Indictment of Sarah Grapes, of Tewing, spinster, for not attending church.

198 & 199. Indictment of Thomas Tyler, innholder, Lewis Richards, and Robert Slack, all of Shenley, for uttering scandalous words of Mathew Bradley, of Shenley, shoemaker, and also of Sir John Watts, knight, and Thomas Arris, doctor of medicine, namely, "you are an informing rogue" (meaning Bradley), and that Sir John Watts and Dr. Arris had done more in committing Lewis Richards than they would answer.

208. Calendar of prisoners:—Christopher Taylor, Roge· Cooper, Ebenezer Gollage, Thomas West, Thomas Vai ce, and Thomas Kirby, committed for refusing the oath of allegiance.

William Etridge convicted for being at an unla·vful conventicle, July 17th, 1670.

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256. Recognizance for the appearance of John Spencer "to answer for being a person of evil conversation, a riotter and a perturber of His Majesty's peace."

303. Presentment (May 5th) of William Bawcock, of Stocking Pelham, labourer, for erecting a cottage "not having first layd fower acres of freehold land unto it."

305. May 1st. Presentment of John Norris, of Hemel-hemp-

stead, mealeman, "for breaking and digging up the King's highway leading from Hempstead to Watford, in the parish of King's Langley and laying it in heapes."

306. May 1st. Presentment that the highway lying in the parishes of Much and Little Amwell, leading from Ware to Hoddesdon, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the said parishes.

314. Oct. 7th. Presentment of Mr. Henry Dunstone, of ——— Berry, for not repairing a foot-bridge leading into Ball's Hooke "the way from Hertford to Ware."

316. Oct. 2nd. Presentment that the highways in Buntingford Westmill are very much out of repair, the Hollow Way lying against "the ladly Brogine's ground" on one side, and the field lying on the other side Langroe Field, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Buntingford.

317. 2nd Nov. Presentment of Roger Wilford, of Northchurch, and Ralph England, of Bourne End, for destroying game, killing partridges and pheasants with guns and setting-dogs, not being qualified; and that the road in the parish of King's Langley, between Nashmill and George Weedon's Mill, is very much out of repair, and "hardlye pasable without danger," and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of King's Langley.

318. Presentment of the parish of Stondon "for a place crossing the borne which is in the common highway which leads from Sacome to High Cross" which is out of repair; and of the parish of Much Hadham for not repairing the highway that goes from Much Hadham to Standon.

330. Indictment of William Hanscombe, of Braughing, for not repairing a fence in a place there called Warren's Croft.

336. Indictment of John Arnold, of Preston-cum-Langley, husbandman, for ploughing up a common footpath in a place called High-field in Langley, leading thence to Hill End.

339. Presentment that a bridge in the parish of Hitchin called Mill Bridge, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the said parish.

356. Indictment of Henry Watts, of Ware, for not repairing a ditch in a place there called Redcrosse, near the common highway.

376. Indictment of William Bernard, of Shenley, for defiling a "dipping pond" of Ursula Johnson and spoiling the water in the same.

377. Indictment of Thomas Wawbey, of Whethamsteed, butcher, for selling unwholesome victuals to John Edmonds.

387. Indictment of Thomas King and John King, both of Hertford, glovemakers, for riotously assembling at Hertingfordbury, and pulling up a post of William Vernon, gent., and trampling on his growing grass, and taking away a boat secured to the said post there.

388. Indictment of Henry Hodge, the elder, of Hitchin, butcher, for killing sheep on Sunday.

392. Indictment of Samuel Harris, of Chesthunt Nunnery, for not repairing a ditch leading from Nun's bridge towards "le Mill River" in Chesthunt.

393. Indictment of the inhabitants of Buntingford Westmill, for not repairing the highway there, called "le Hollowway," lying between the land of ——— Brograte, widow, and the field called Langrove Field.

394. Indictment of the inhabitants of King's Langley, for not repairing the highway there, lying between Nash Mill and George Weedon's mill.

396. Indictment of Henry Dunstar, of Jening's Bury, in the parish of All Saints, Hertford, esquire, for not repairing a footbridge leading towards Balls Hook in a footway there, leading from Hertford towards Ware.

399. Indictment of Roger Wilford, of Northchurch, for destroying pheasants and partridges there with guns and setting-dogs.

404. Indictment of William Cage, of Great Hormead, for not repairing a watercourse in a ditch leading under Hare Street Bridge.

413. Indictment of the inhabitants of Abbotts Langley, for not repairing a foot-and-horse bridge there, called Hunton Bridge in the said parish.

418. Indictment of Jeremiah Pilgrim, the elder, of Braughin, labourer, for driving his waggon with six horses in the highway, in the parish of Reed and elsewhere, to the damage of the highways, by reason of the great weight of his vehicle.

419. Complaint made to the court by the churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of the parish of St. Buttolphes, Bishopsgate, showing that Jane Sucklin, "a poore distracted woman," ought to be maintained by John Halden, "who married the said Jane Sucklin's mother and dwells at Ryemere, Hodsdon," and not be chargeable to the above parish.

420. The petition of George Carpenter, Andrew Neale, and Thomas Webster, poor prisoners for debt, that they may be brought before the "commissioners for the peace" for the county of Hertford, in accordance with the Act of Parliament entitled "An Act for relief and releasing poor debtors, that they may clear themselves by deposing the truth concerning their estates."

421. Petition of the inhabitants of Puckeridge for an order from the court to make a rate to raise money for the repairing of a common pump, standing in the highway at Puckeridge, in the parishes of Stondon and Braughin, "which hath been alwaies very usefull to the said inhabitants, and also to all travellers passing that way," and which is now "much decaied and out of repair." See also No. 152.

422. The petition of John How, who, "being lame and diseased insomuch that by reason of his griefe and paine thereby he was not able to repaire to his parish church of Northmims, there to continue, during the tyme of divine service and sermon," was indicted for not coming to the said church, and who has been imprisoned for nearly three years, that he may be enlarged from "his long and tedious imprisonment which hath been the ruine of the said parishioner, his wife and six children."

425. Certificate for the appearance of the creditors of Andrew Neale, at the general sessions to be held at Hertford on the 10th July, to show why the said Andrew should not be released according to the tenor of the Act (22 & 23 Charles II.) for the relief and release of poor prisoners for debt.

427. Certificate of some of the inhabitants of King's Langley that what John Norris "did digg or cause to be digged" in the highway of King's Langley, "was for the good of the same way and not any prejudice." Signatures follow.

428. Certificate by Nathaniel Dodd, rector, of the marriage of Richard Hull, of the parish of Yardley, and Martha Copkette, of Weston, in the parish church of Bovingdon, October 2nd, 1671.

429. Certificate by Nicholas Smyth, minister, of Braughin, and others, of the destruction by fire of eight bayes of building, and certain wares and household stuffs, to the value of £158 15s. 4d., belonging to Robert Sabyn, Richard Wrenn, and John Dellow. Signatures follow.

430. Calendar of prisoners:—Thomas Vance, Thomas Kirby, and Roger Cooper, committed for refusing to take the oath of allegiance. See No. 431 & 432.

433. Letter from Phillip Michell to Thomas Burgis, of Hertford, referring to a recognizance for the appearance of John Pecock and William Knagg, his master, of Clavum Berry, in Essex, that Pecock may answer the charge of affronting Sir Harry Wroth upon the road.

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517. Recognizance for the appearance of Charles Mutton and Susanna, his wife, to answer certain matters objected against them, concerning their milking of the cows of John, Earl of Bridgwater.

531-533. Information against Thomas Newton, of Ware, for exercising the trade of a cloth dyer without due apprenticeship.

540. Jan. 8th, 1671-2. Presentment of Jeremy Pilgrim, the elder,

of Braughin, "for drawing a waggon with above five horses, vizt., six horses at length," in the road between Ware and Roiston, on the 13th Dec., 1671, in the parish of Reed.

541. Presentments, Jan. 8th, 1671-2:—

(1) Of Thomas Lamb, of Hunsdon, taylor, for not keeping a sufficient fence between his orchard and a cow-yard belonging to George Slattes.

(2) Of William Somes, of Hunsdon, "for taking in Robertt Ives and his wife as an inmate."

(3) That the highway leading from Meson to Voyolett Lane, in Burnt Pelham parish, is in bad repair, and ought to be mended by the same parish.

(4) That the overhanging of trees and bushes obstruct Voyolett Lane, and that there is a quagmire at the south end thereof, and that the "rakes" are "so deepe" that the way is hardly passable. "This in Furnix Felham parish."

(5) That the highway from the common field in Furnix Pelham parish, leading up to Albery highway, is in bad repair, and should be repaired by the parish.

(6) That the highway from Clapgate to Ninnoh Water, in Albury parish, "is very narrow and the rakes very deepe," and is repairable by the said parish.

(7) Of Edward Lawrence, of Wadesmill, "for taking of money of carters and waggoners for the toul, they not cominge through the turnpike, nor yet on the road between Royston and the turnpike." Signatures follow.

542. Jan. 8th. Presentments:—

(1) That a highway in the parish of Stondon, "from Potters Greene by Sandpitts Hill, which comes into the roade leading to Ware," is very dangerous.

(2) Of Philipp North, of Brantfeild, husbandman, for buying and selling cattle without a licence.

(3) Of John Belthrapp, of Sabridgworth, for the same offence.

(4) Of William Russell and John Puddifatt, of Hemelhemsted, churchwardens, for not bringing in their quarterage.

(5) That a road in the parish of King's Langley, leading from Hunton Mill to Watford, is dangerous and impassable.

(6) Of Samuell Patridge and Francis Lewin, butcher, of Alderbury [Aldbury], for plowing up a path leading to the church.

(7) Of Francis Lewin, of Alderbury, butcher, for plowing up a footpath leading from Money Barr Hill to Tring market. Signatures follow.

547. October 7th. Presentments:—

(1) Of John Lawe and John Tolladaye, both of Lensall, co. Essex, for buying and selling cattle without a licence, and of John Grane, of Furnish Pellam [Furneaux Pelham], for the same offence.

(2) Of Will Corce, of Ashwell, for a disorderly alehouse, and also for having disorders in his house on the Lord's Day, in time of divine service.

(3) Of the inhabitants of Stondon for not repairing the new highway near a place called Odefieldgate.

(4) Of the inhabitants of Thundridge for not repairing the highways near Redcrosse leading to Wardsmill.

(5) Of "Mr. Hews, minister, of Sabridgeworth, for digging of clays in the King's highway and spoyling the passage." Signatures follow.

548. October 7th. Presentments of Richard Trymor, of Puckridge Street, in the parish of Braughin, butcher, being "a common swearer and prophaner of the name of God contrary to the peace of our Sovraign Lord the King."

Of Jeremiah Willsheire, of Bayford Bury, in the parish of Bayford, yeoman, for not repairing a footbridge leading to Hertford market from Bayford.

549. 7th Oct. Presentment of the inhabitants of Stanstedd Abbott for not repairing a common highway leading from Stanstead Abbott to Great Amwell, between the almshouses and the Millbridge.

550. Presentments of James Grene, the younger, of Aspeden, for "trampelling and spoyling the king's game for partridges" 1st Oct. last; and of Richard Sawell, of the same, for "not obeying the constable, Richard Warwick, to gett in the stocks 2 persons which were drunk and abusive." Signatures follow.

556. Indictment of the inhabitants of Albury for not repairing the highway leading from Clapgate towards Ninnhoe Water in the said parish.

557. Indictment of John Mihill, of Chesthunt, for erecting "a house of office" over the ditch in a place there called Carbuncle Street.

558. Indictment of Edward Lawrence, of Wadesmill, receiver of tolls at "le Turnepike" there, for converting to his own use divers sums of money, received by him in virtue of his said office, for the passage of carts and horses there.

559. Indictment of the inhabitants of Stondon, for not repairing the highway within the parish leading from Potter's Greene to Ware, near Sandpitts Hill.

566. Indictment of the inhabitants of Furnix Pelham for not repairing the highway there in Violate Lane, or lopping the trees; the southern end of the said lane is "a quaggmore."

569. Indictment of the inhabitants of Stondon for not repairing the highway there, in a place called "le Bourne," leading from Sacombe to Highcross.

572. Indictment of William Russell, of Hemelhempstedd, being "guardian" of the parish church there, for refusing to pay a "quarteridge" to the chief constable of the Hundred of Dacorum.

581. Presentment of Roger Wilford, of Northchurch, for destroying partridges there, not being qualified so to do under the statute.

617. Indictment of Thomas Flindell, of Icleford, yeoman, for pursuing the occupation of a buyer and seller of all sorts of goods in the public markets.

632. Order that the pension received by Francis Calverly from the county of Hertford, be suspended, he being now an inhabitant of Holborne, in the county of Middlesex, and receiving also a pension from that county.

634. April 14th. Petition of the inhabitants of Hitchin, showing that John Lawnday, of Walsworth, having died very poor, leaving two small children, his wife, Sarah,

daughter of Thomas Love, of Walsworth, being also dead. The said Thomas Love, the grandfather of the children, being "a person of sufficient ability and estate," ought to maintain the children, and desiring that if he refuse he may be" made lyeable to the penalties of the lawes."

635. The petition of Amy Peacock, of Hartingfordbury, to the justices of the peace at Hertford, setting forth that she was removed by an order of sessions from Hertford to Hartingfordbury, and that there she and her children suffered much want through the cruelty and injustice of the overseers, who deducted a shilling from her weekly allowance, and offered "that if the petitioner would by stealth and privately kreepe into the parish of All Saints, Hartford, again, or into any other parish," they would give her five pounds "which thing and motion the petitioner utterly rejected." She therefore begs their worships to take her case into consideration. See No. 641.

636. The petition of John Smith, setting forth that Francis Calverley, of the parish of St. Giles in the Fields, in the county of Middlesex, is a pensioner in the county of Hertford, and also in the county of Surrey, and in several other counties, and that he was a pensioner "in the time of Olliver and did receive two seaverall pentions, one at Ely House in Holborne, and the other at Exon [Exton?], in the county of Devonshire." The petitioner begs that their worships will take the case into their serious consideration, and do with the said Calverley as they in their "grave wisdoms shall think most meete."

637. The petition of Daniell Spurr, of Little Hadham, clothworker, showing that he has lost goods to the value of £150, in a sad and lamentable fire which burnt his house to the ground, and begging for a certificate of the bench to the lord keeper of the great seale of England "the better to enable the petitioner to procure his Majesty's letters-patent for a charitable collection" to aid him in repairing his losses.

638. The petition of William Ivory, of Great Munden, setting forth that James Tylor, a poore sickly indigent person, "has

been for a long time chargeable to the petitioner, who being his uncle took him into the family, out of meer pity . . . lest he should starve," and begging an order of the bench for the settlement and maintainance of the said James Tyler.

639. The petition of John Nash, of Welwyn, husbandman, showing that he was "possessed of a considerable estate in corn and other goods" until on the 20th December a fire broke out in his barn and burnt it "flatt to the ground," destroying so much wheat and barley that his loss is estimated at £248 3s. 4d. He begs that his case may be recommended to the several parishes of the county.

640. Petition of Phillip Trindall to the justices of the peace of Hertford, showing that he is a poor prisoner unable to pay so much for his lodging, namely, fourpence, as the keeper of the prison demands, and requesting that he may be allowed the benefit of the Act, which allows him to pay one penny a night.

641. The petition of Thomas Parcell, John Browne, Henry Clerke, and Francis Wildman, churchwardens and overseers for the poor of the parish of Hartingfordbury, to the justices of the peace for Hertford, setting forth that Amy Peacock, widow of Thomas Peacock, late freeman of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, has since her husband's death fallen into want, so that two of her children have been taken from her charge, and maintained by the said parish of All Saints, at the rate of 3s. per week for six months, during which time she went to Hertingfordbury to nurse her mother who was sick, and being there about 40 days was adjudged an inhabitant of Hertingfordbury, and her two children were sent after her to be maintained there. They beg, therefore, that the case may be taken into consideration by the bench.

644. Certificate that Richard Francis and Elizabeth Bird "were married in the Spanish Ambassador's Chapel in Wildstreet, London, July 15th, 1672, by Fr. Anselme, chaplain-ordinary to the Marquis of Fresno, extraordinary ambassador."

645. Certificate that a certain common highway in the parish of Furnix and Pelham [Furneaux Pelham], in a place called Violett Lane is in good repair.

646. Certificate that a certain common highway in the parish of Furnix and Pelham [Furneaux Pelham], leading from the common field towards Alburye, has been well mended.

649. Testifying that William Bush has scoured and cleansed the watercourse at Bridggreene, near Green Street, in the parish of Little Hadham, and taken away all obstructions and annoyances from the same.

651. Certificate that a certain highway in the parish of Great Hadham leading from Hadham towards Stondon is in good repair.

654. January 28th, 1671-2. Calendar of prisoners:—Thomas Vuss, Thomas Kurby, and Wm. Archer, were committed at the sessions for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

656. October 7th. Richard Warren was charged by James Lowin, keeper to James, Earl of Salisbury, with helping to kill and take away deer out of the said Earl's park.

657. May. An account of what was laid out by Thomas Bird, surveyor of the upland, for the mending of the highways:—

Given to the shovell men to drinke to encourage them	£0 01 6
Given them more in the highway to encourage them to work hard	£0 0 6
Given to eleven carts (*sic*) to drinke to incourage them	£0 01 6
Paid three men digging 30 load of gravell at Widbury Hill	£0 08 0
Paid six men in the highways three days at 10d. per day	£0 15 0
Paid Goodman Bray for one teame one day, and two teames two days at 7s. per teame ...	£1 15 0
Paid to a shovell man for two days to shovell in the cart rakes	£0 2 0

661. The parishes of Bennington and Walkerne in default for not repairing the highways leading from Hertford to Royston.

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401. December 20. Certificate that the highway between Nash Mill and George Weedon's, in the parish of King's Langley, is sufficently repaired.

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1673.

1. 7 April. 25 Charles II. Writ to the sheriff to destrain the inhabitants of Stondon, Albury, Little Amwell, Abbott's Langley, King's Langley, Thundridge, Buntingford Westmill, Braughin, and Hatfield, for their appearance at the next general sessions to be held at Hertford 4 July next, at the hour of eight in the morning.

6. 1 August. Order from the justices of the peace to the constables of Barkhamsteed St. Peter, directing that Mary Larkin, of Coltshill, who has settled herself in Barkhamsteed, "in a tenement under the yearly value of tenn pounds and is likely to become chargeable" to the parish, is to be conveyed back to Coltshill, where she was last legally settled, and be delivered to the officers there "to be imployed and set on worke" according to the form of the statute.

19. Warrant to the constables of Wellwin for the apprehension of John Nashe, late of Enfield, who, with his wife has come to inhabit in a house in Wellwin, where other families live, and so become an inmate, paying, he confesses "£8 10s. by the year and no more." See No. 143a.

20. Recognizance for the appearance of James Fenn to answer "concerning his tracinge of hares in the snow with a grayhound."

21. Recognizance for the appearance of Edmund Allen to give evidence against "James Fenn the elder and James Fenn the younger, concerning their traceing of hares in the snow with a grayhound."

23. Recognizance for the appearance of William Godfrey, constable of Sabridgworth, to answer a complaint made against

him by John Petchey, of the same place, yeoman, "that he did unjustly warn him, the said John Petchey, out of his order and place, to serve with his cart and teame in the carriage of his Majesty's goods, in his late Royall progress from London to Newmarkett, he haveing served in the same nature in his Majesty's former progress, and divers others of his neighbours had never been commanded on that duty."

33. Recognizance of Ezechial Weedon, of Great Gaddesden, gent., and John Gape, of St. Albans, gent., for the appearance of the former, concerning his contempt in refusing to take his oath as high constable of the hundred of Dacorum.

66-74. Informations against several persons for exercising various trades without having been apprenticed thereto.

76. 14 September. Information of Henry Runnington, one of the constables of Hertford, that acting upon the instructions of Edmund Bache, mayor of that borough, he ordered John Graham, of Boston, and his wife to leave the town, whereupon they asked him "what Mr. Maior had to do with them," saying that they would "stay in towne a monethe within a day in the spight of the mayor's teeth," and further Graham said "this shall be a sadd day to Hertford," and that he would make Hertford a black town.

77. Examination of John Graham, who says that he came on shore at "Harrage" from a ship called the "Mountague," under the command of Capt. Coaleman.

81. Presentment of the inhabitants of Hatfield, for not repairing the King's highway leading from Hatfield to Northhall Common, called by the name of Kentish Lane. Signatures.

82. Presentment of James, Earle of Salisbury, for not keeping in repair the bridge called Nunn's Bridge on the King's highway, in the parish of Cheshunt.

84. Presentment that the bridge at "Stondon Towne," being a county bridge, leading from market to market, is very much decayed "and hath been viewed by carpenters, which value the charge for the repairing of it will come unto eight and fifty shillings."

85. Presentments of the parish of Wotten for a footbridge in the highway leading from Wotten to "Walkon," which is dangerous and ought to be repaired by the said parish; and that a ditch in the parish of Buckland, "leading from Buckland to Royston, against a meadow plase in Mayre Field, which was lately in the occupation of Yeoffrey Godfrey, of Buckland, lately deceased, being prejudishall to His Majesty's highway," ought to be repaired from time to time by the owners of the said meadow. Signatures.

86. Presentment of Abraham Sumner, of Eastwick, yeoman, and Mr. William Gore, of Little Parndon, co. Essex, for not repairing a market footbridge leading from Eastwick to Pardon Mill and so to Epping Market. Signatures.

88. Presentment of the inhabitants of Stansted Abbott "for setting stoopes of posts soe high in the King's highway that coaches cannot pass."

89. Presentment that the highway leading from Southend to Hadham Mill, in the parish of Much Hadham, is very much out of repair, and used formerly to be repaired by "the servaiers of Much Hadham."

91. Presentment of a bridge called Bowborne Brooke Bridge, lying between Woodside and Newgate Street, in the parish of Hatfield, "which is much decayed," and ought to be repaired by the parish of Hatfield.

Presentment of a footbridge, in the parish of Watton-at-Stone, leading from Walkhorne [Walkerne] to Hartford, which is much decayed. Signatures.

93. Presentment that a footbridge, in the parish of Wotten, leading from Watton-at-Stone to Walkhorn [Walkern], is very dangerous to travellers.

107. Indictment of Francis Potter, of North Myms, victualler, for refusing to lodge a soldier.

108. Indictment of the parish of Yardley, for not repairing a common bridge there, leading to Royston.

109. Indictment of Matthew King, of Barley, labourer, for not paying two pence, being the constable rate at Barkway.

117. Indictment of the inhabitants of Watton, for not repairing a bridge in a place there, leading from Watton towards Walkerne.

121. Indictment of William Gore, of Pardon [Parndon], esquire, and Abraham Sumpner, of Eastwick, yeoman, for not repairing a bridge in the parish of Eastwick, in a place leading thence towards Little Pardon, in co. Essex.

128. Indictment of the inhabitants of Hatfield, for not repairing a bridge called Bowborne Brook Bridge, lying between Woodside and Newgate Street, within the said parish.

132 & 133. Indictment of William Catlyn, of Bishop's Hatfield, yeoman, and Anthony Stokes, for neglecting and absenting themselves from their offices of jurymen.

143. Petition of Francis Calverley, showing "that the malice and perfidiousness of John Smith is (by the annexed) truly demonstrated,* and the petitioner, being prisoner in the King's bench upon the same proceedings, that he cannot come to this honourable court," humbly begs that the court will restore his pension and the arrears thereof, "and not suffer so apparent false oathes to punish the innocent."

143a. 7th January, 1672-3. Certificate as to the losses of John Nash, of Harmore Green, in the parish of Wellwinn, by a "sudden and lamentable fire."

Two bays of wheat containing 50 quarters at £1 12s. the quart	80 00 00
Six quarters at [*sic*, of?] barley	05 00 00
Two bays and half of pease, 50 quarters ...	60 00 00
Three bays of oats, 100 quarters	70 00 00
Two long carts, two dung carts, and a waggon	15 00 00
Two plowes, two pair of harrows, three drag-rakes	01 10 0(
Cart harness and other implements of husbandry belonging to the stable and barnes ...	06 13 0(
Chaff and straw	10 00 00
	248 03 04

Signatures of the rector and others follow. See No. 19.

* Nothing more appended to this petition.

145. 13th January, 1672-3. Certificate that the common highway, in the parish of Little Wymondly, and lying between Little Wymondly and Gravely, for which the parishioners of Little Wymondly were indicted, has been well repaired.

146. Certificate that the common highway, leading from Roydon to Amwell, for which the inhabitants of Stansted Abbott stand indicted, is now in good repair.

147. "Being required to testify my knowledge concerning the bodyly infirmityes of Ezekiel Weedon, of Great Gadsden, this may certify his Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, or whom else it may concern, that haveing often of late yeares heard and seene that the said Ezekiel Weedon was not well, (he then useing another physician, I could not take any particular notice of his distempers), but about the beginning of October last he committed himself to my cure, at which tyme and since I find his condition to be thus, viz., afflicted with scorbutick paynes and spotts and extreame fayntness, and that frequently to so high a degree, that he is often taken with a leipothymia and sometimes a syncope, swouneing suddenly, to the great affrightment of his wife and famyly. He is also at tymes (especially after a journey or any other violent agitation or exercise of his body) taken with a payne in his right syde in the region of the liver, accompanied with an intense urine, a tertian feaver, with a small rigor, a yellowish colour, vomiteing, swooneing, and astriction of the belly, with other signes of an inflammation in the cavity or hollow part of the liver, to which is joyned also a pertinatious obstruction of the gall and a jaundice thence proceeding, attended with the usuall symptoms and by many remarques distinguished to have its existence distinct from the former affect, only receiveing an exacerbation when the former is present, all which symptomes I have severall tymes, since October last, heedfully observed after they have seemed to vanish upon the use of such means as are proper in those cases, yet they suddenly return again upon any error in diet or exercise, and are so pertinatiously seated that they will oblige him to abstayne from travelling, or any other violent exercise,

(which his oune deare bought experience hath severall tymes sufficiently confirmed), and further to continue a course of phisick in which at present he is engaged for the recovery (if God so please) of his long-wanted health.

Sic testatur Gulielmus Halseius,
Medicus per Collegium Medic., Londinens.
Licentiatus."

Pridie Calendin., Maii,
Anno Salutis MDCLXXIII.

148. 4 July. Certificate that the ditches belonging to the Nunnery in the parish of Cheshunt, now in the occupation of Samuel Harris, lying along Cheshunt Wash and the ditch from the Stone Bridge to the Mill river "are well cleansed as they ought to be." Signed by W. Glascock and Phillip Mitchell [Michett?]

149. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Thundridge, leading from Redcross towards Ware, is in good repair.

150. Certificate of some of the inhabitants of Watton that on the third of Sept. "last past," at about twelve o'clock in the night, a fire occurred in the house of John Randall, and destroyed wheat, barley, and other corn with a cart, horse, and harness, and other things of the proper goods of the said John Randall to the value of £101 10s. 0d. and upwards, "to the utter ruine and undoing of the said John Randall, his wife, and children." Signatures.

152. October. Certificate that the highway called the Holloway, lying between the land of ——— Brograve, widow, and a field called Langrove Field, in the parish of Buntingford Westmill, for which the inhabitants of the said parish stand indicted, is now in good repair.

153. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Albury leading from Clapgate to Ninhoewater "that nowe standeth indicted for not being repaired," has been well mended.

155. 21 July. Information given by Richard Matthews and Wm. Godfrey that Lettice Tayler, wife of Ralph Tayler, of Buntingford, innkeeper, spoke these words, "The devill take all the justices and I would they were all hanged, and

that there was great seeking to please the great ones, but that shee wished the devill would take them all."

Order that Sarah Hall, an infant aged 1¼ years, daughter of John Hall and Alice, "be removed to Amwell, where it was borne, being left at nurse with Anne Massingham at Broxborne, and the parents run away."

Order that Symon Barnett and John Spengicke (*sic*), pressemasters, be committed to the constable's custody until they prove their authority to press, and further order that they be committed to gaol for pressing Robert Thorowgood and Richard Chapman without warrant as appears by their own confession.

157. 16 July. Letter from F. [J. ?] Duncombe to the clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford, stating that the method of returning the number of fire-hearths and stoves "by variances only," is found to be very inconvenient and prejudicial to the Crown in the matter of receipts, and desiring him to make every year "full and entire views of all the fire-hearths and stoves" in the county, and to send in the return signed by the justices of the peace to the court of exchequer.

160. 6 Oct. Northaw. Letter from Francis Crawley to the clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford :—

"The clarke of the peace, your predecessor, I wayted upon with these instructions from the Chancellor of the Exchequer for feare that you should not have them for the King's service not duly executed. I have thought fitt to send you a copy of the same, there is now to be an alteration of the officers for collecting the duty of hearth-money from Michaelmas last past, which I thought fitt to acquaint you withall; and I was advised to desire you to make it knowne to the countrey for that the duty from Michaelmas last past may not be collected but by those that have new deputations."

161. 7 October. Broxborne. Letter from John Coston to Mr. J. Chauncey :—

"The bearer hereof is the poore widdow I spake to you of who is indicted for drawing beere without licence. Shee

was sick att the time when they tooke licences, and, trusting to George Heath, her brewer, to take one for her, hee neglected itt as he doth his owne business, and by that means the poore woman suffered in it. She had a licence granted her immediately after, itt being an old licenced house. Sir John Monson and Sir William Glascock are her friends and therefore desire you to call it when they are present, for the rest I leave her to your disposeing, desiring you to act for her as a poore widow and my friend."

162. 13 February, 1672-3. Account for work done by the bricklayer "at the Counte Jayel in Harford." Total, £5 5s. 0d.

163. "A true account of what money was levied upon offenders against a late law entitled, 'An Act to prevent and suppresse seditions, conventicles,' and paid at the quarter sessions":—

July 7th, 1670, pd. the sum of	£12	14 02
Octobr. the 3rd, 1670, pd. the sum of ...	£22	17 06
Januar. the 9th, 1670, pd. more the sum of	£07	01 08
In all ...	£42	13 04

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183. Warrant to the keeper of His Majesty's house of correction at Hertford, 1st April :—

"Whereas complaint hath this daye beene made unto me, Edward Wingate, esq., one of the King's Majesty's justices of the peace in the county abovesaid, that Ralph Pearte, an apprentice to William Rolfe, of Upper Holloway, in the parish of Islington, co. Middlesex, butcher, being putt out by the overseers of the poore of Wheathamsted, and by indentures bound unto the said Rolfe for seven yeares not yet expired. And that hee the said Ralph Pearte remaines an idle desolute fellow now at Wheathamsted, beeing runn away from his said master, and also guiltie of severall other greate misbeehaviors both against Sir John Garrett, knt. and bart., Edward Christmas, of Wheathamsteed, brewer, and others, in taking their wood and selling it. All which offences the sayed Ralph Pearte

being brought before me by the constable of Wheathamsteed stands charged with. These are, therefore, to will and require you to receive the sayed Ralph Pearte and hym safely to keep in your house of correction, untill that hee shall be thence delivered by warrant . . . And in the meantime to hold him to such workes and to give him such punishment by putting fetters or gyves uppon him and by moderate whipping him, as in good discretion you shall find cause, yeelding him for his maintenance so much as he shall earne or deserve by his worke and labour, and that at the next quarter sessions you have the said Ralph Pearte there (*sic*) together with this warrant." See No. 304.

250. 1 December. Information of John Barnes :—

"John Barnes, senior, of St. Mary, Islington, in the county of Middx., beadle, aged sixty-five years or thereabouts, maketh oath that John Leonerd, late of Chesham, in the county of Hertfordshire (*sic*), and Mary, his wife, with three children, came as lodgers to the 'Talbot' inn, in Islington* aforesaid, in or about the month of September last past, and this deponent saith that John Skegg, churchwarden, of the said parish, being by this deponent informed that John Leonard, together with his wife and children, weere soe become lodgers as aforesaid, the said churchwarden did order this deponent to repaire to the said 'Talbott' inn to the said Leonerd, and told him that the churchwarden did desire security of them or else to returne to the place from whence they came. This deponent further saith that within a fortnight that they became lodgers as aforesaid, he was with the said Leonerd twice or three tymes to have him give security or depart, and the said John Leonerd did promise to give security fourthwith, but it pleased the Almighty God to visitt his children with the small-pox, and after they were well he fell of the same and died, soe that he could not be passed away without danger of death" (*sic*). See No. 552.

251. Presentments that a "bredg lieth in the parish of Standon leading from Standon, Puckerdg, that is very ruinuous and

* Kept by his aunt, *vide* No. 385.

out of repaire," and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the county, and of Tho. Pryer, of Southmill, in Bishop's Stortford, for locking up a bridgegate in a common way. Signatures.

252. Presentment that the highway leading from Spittle bridge in Broxborne parish to Wormeley Townesend, is very much out of repair. Also that the highway from Cheshunt Street End to Waltham Cross is very much out of repair, and dangerous to travellers. Also that the highway in the parish of Bramfield, leading from Hertford to Bramfield, "neare unto Goldings, alias Tompsons," is very much out of repair.

253. Presentments that a certain way leading from Wadesmill to Hartford, in the parish of Standon, is dangerous for passengers passing that way, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Standon, and of the highway in the parish of Bramfield leading from Hartford which is dangerous for travellers, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Bramfield. Signatures.

254. Presentment of Edward Humphrey, landholder, of Rowney, for neglecting to repair a certain highway leading from Lowgate to Sacombe Greene and so to Hertford and Ware.

Presentment (cancelled) of Mr. Edward Lawrence, of Hartford, "for setting up of a turnestile upon a little footebridge at the corner of his house to the great stopp and lett of passengers upon market dayes that have continual recourse upon such dayes about their affaires and business."

Presentment of William Tayler, otherwise Dickinson, in the parish of Hatfield, "for lodging and harbouring rogues and vagabonds contrary to the law." Signatures.

259. Presentment of a certain footbridge lying between Butt Meade in Gilderstone parish and Great Halleson, in the parish of Sabridgeworth, which is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by Mr. John Rimington, the elder, and Mr. John Petche, both living in Sabridgworth. Signatures.

261. Presentment of a chalk pit "being upon Madely Heath, in the parish of Wellwin, below Woollmer Green and the said Wellwin, and in the manor of William Litton, esq., very

neare London Road, which, by much digging, and carting away of chalke out of the said pitt, hath caused the said pitt to fall in, and is very dangerous to the said road." The inhabitants of Wellwin ought to repair it. Signatures. See also No. 295.

262. Presentment of John Stiles, of Burnt Pelham, for not scouring his ditches, and not making his outlet which should have carried the water out of church field "which maketh a bourne out of the course which hath carried away a tilt in a field called Reddland." Signatures.

264. Presentments of the parish of Stondon, for a "borne" in the common highway in the said parish leading from Sacombe to High Cross, and so to Ware, which is very much decayed and out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Stondon; of Symond Lock, a blacksmith, in the parish of King's Langley, for following and using the trade of a grocer and a blacksmith both together; and of Abraham Greene, a tailor, for following and using the trade of a grocer and a tailor, both together in the parish of King's Langley. Signatures.

265. Presentment of Nunn's Bridge, belonging to the Earl of Salisbury, in the parish of Cheshunt, "which is a great damage to the people and travellers of the rode," and ought to be repaired by the Earl of Salisbury. Signatures.

266. Indictment of William Bassill, of Hertford, labourer, for entering the close and wood of James, Earl of Salisbury, called Brambler's Wood, at Broxbourne, and killing and taking away one red deer, value ten pounds, without licence, from the said Earl or his keeper.

Endorsed: "Committed to the house of correction for six months."

272. Indictment of the county for not repairing a bridge in the parish of Standon towards Puckeridge.

273. Indictment of Thomas Day, of King's Walden, yeoman, for keeping a Grammar School, and school for writing there, without license.

276. Indictment of the inhabitants of Standon for not repairing

a common highway in that parish, leading from Sawcombe towards Ware called "The Bourne."

280. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt, for not repairing the King's bridge there.

294. Indictment of John Reddington the elder, and John Peachy, both of Sabridgworth, for not repairing a foot-bridge, lying between Butt Mead, in the parish of Gillston, and a place called Great Hallisen, in the parish of Sabridgworth.

298. Indictment of John Oakman, of Albury, laborer, for carrying horseflesh on Sunday during the hour of Divine service.

300. Indictment of Richard Twisden, otherwise Tisdell, Michael Cooke, and William Saile, all of Barkhamstead St. Peters, labourers, for riotously assembling there, and breaking into the messuage of John Sayer, esquire, called the Court House, and intimidating the servants there, &c.

304. Order of the sessions for the conveyance of Ralph Pearte back to his master William Rolfe, of Upper Holloway, in the parish of Islington, there to remain as his apprentice. See No. 183.

307. 11th Oct. Order of quarter sessions, that whereas it was agreed at the last sessions that four justices of the peace should take an account of the charges of the repairs of Standon bridge, and appoint what sum they consider ought to be paid by Mr. John Chauncey out of the money in his hands lately raised for that purpose. Sir Robert Jocelyn, Sir John Gore, Sir Humphrey Gore, and William Newce, esq., have taken the said account, and found that the said bridge is not finished, and that £31 9s. 5½d. has already been expended upon it, and that the cost of completing the repairs is estimated at about £13 6s. 8d. more, and it is therefore ordered that Mr. John Chauncey is to pay to Mr. Philip Hammond, of Puckridge, the sum of £20 towards defraying part of the charge, and that the whole account shall be delivered upon oath at the next quarter sessions.

308. 6 Nov. Order of quarter sessions. "Forasmuch as it appeareth unto us by the information of John Hicks, that he was hired by Hugh Hunt, of Pendley, yeoman, at the

statute held at Tring, on the feast of St. Michael, 1673, to serve him as sheepherd for a year, ending at the feast of St. Michael, 1674, and that the said John Hicks did go to the said Hugh Hunt to his house at Pendly, and continued with him as sheephard and household servant till about the beginning of harvest last past, and, being taken with lameness, by the advice and consent of his master he went to Ivingho, in the county of Bucks, to be under the cure there of William Stewart, practitioner in chyurgirie, and returned to his service to his master Hugh Hunts' house eve at Pendly aforesaid, on Michaelmas last past, and continued with his master a fortnight. Now, forasmuch as a servant hired for a year cannot depart from his master's service, nor be turned out of his master's service by his master without sufficient cause first shewed and allowed by some justice of peace, during the term of his contract, and so to be accounted an inhabitant in the said parish during the said terme, wee doe order that the said John Hicks be forthwith conveid to the parish of Albury, in the county of Hertford, to be delivered to the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish, there to be provided for by them according to the law. Signed by Edm. West and Robert Hart.

310. The petition of Tho. Grunwin, son of Tho. Grunwin, of Wheathamstead :—

Showing "That the poor petitioner being sickly and not able to worke, and take paines, as formerly, to maintain himself, wife, and family, through which they are brought into a low condition. And they, being civill honest persons, and situated by the roade-side at a fitting place for the relief of passengers, and formerly an alehouse," and desiring the justices to take his case into consideration and to grant him a licence "to draw and utter beere." Signatures.

311. Petition of the almes-people of the tenn almshouses in the parish of Cheshunt :—

Showing "That whereas the pious and charitable dame, Ladie Jane Mycoe, late of London, deceased, did in her lifetime by her last will and testament, give and bequeathe unto the poore people of the said ten almshouses, one

hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be disposed of by the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said parish, and some other gentlemen living in the said parish, soe that the use and improvement of the said hundred pounds might be yearly, and every year paide equally to every one of the said almespeople and their successors their equall proportion soe long as the world indureth. Now soe it is that your poore petitioners have been much wronged as they are informed contrary to the true intention of the said will of the said pious and charitable ladye, for your petitioners have received but ten shillinges and sixpence a-peece of the use and improvement of the said hundred pounds for this fower yeares which in [proportion ?] and equally comes to every one of your poore petitioners yearly proportion twelve shillings a-peece." The petitioners desire that the justices will grant them "such order as they shall think fitt."

312. Petition of William Mitchell, George Rogers, William Squire, Richard Godfrey, John Godwyn, John Squire, William Perry, Thomas Squire, and divers other inhabitants in and near Standon, in the county of Hertford, to the justices of the peace, shows that whereas the post-road between London and York was at the time of the passing of the Act (15 Charles II.) for the repairing of the highways in the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, in very bad repair, and the ordinary course appointed by the law was insufficient for repairing it. "It was then enacted that there should be a toll in each of the said counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon, and Hertford, and that the place for the toll in the county of Hertford should be at Waredsmill, and that the profitt of the said toll should go for the repairs of the said highway"; the same to hold good for eleven years from the passing of the Act.

They further shew that by another Act, called "An Act for the repairing the highways within the county of Hertford, for reasons therein set forth, the said toll was continued to the end of 21 years," but in case the said road was well and sufficiently repaired before the expiration of the above term of years, the toll was to be discontinued.

The petitioners humbly conceive that the highways in the said Act mentioned, lying within the county of Hertford, are well and sufficiently repaired, and that what moneys have been borrowed and laid out upon the repairs of the same, the profit of the said toll hath satisfied, or will sufficiently satisfy and pay with the full interest, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act; and that there is no need now of the continuance of the said toll, the 21 years being expired, but that it is rather a burden to the inhabitants and traders, and persons having occasion to pass that way, than a benefit.

They therefore desire that the justices will take the matter into consideration, and that if, upon examination, the highway be found to be in good repair, and all money that has been borrowed to lay out on it, repaid, the toll may be discontinued.

313. January, 1673-4. Certificate by H. Chauncey and Tho. Stanley, two justices of the peace, that they have viewed a certain foot-bridge at Cromer, in the parish of Yardley, for which the inhabitants stand indicted, and found it to be in good repair.

314. Certificate that upon view taken of the county bridge standing over the river at Stondon, it is found to be "in much decay, and that neither horsemen nor other passengers travelling from markett to markett can pass over there without great perill, severall persons having of late fallen through the same into the river there," the cost for repairing estimated at £7 10s. Signatures.

317. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Stondon, now indicted, leading from Potter's Green to Green End and thence to Ware, is in good repair.

318. Certificate that a certain common highway in Stondon, now indicted near Odellfield, is in good repair.

319. Certificate that a highway in the parish of Stondon, now indicted, leading from Wadesmill to Hertford, is in good repair and well mended.

320. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Stondon, leading from Puckeridge to Stondon, is in good repair.

321. Certificate that a certain bridge lying over the river Stort, in part belonging to the parish of Eastwick, and some time since indicted for being out of repair, is now well and sufficiently repaired.

Signed by J. Patrick, minister.
James Spencer, churchwarden.
Richard Spencer, constable, & others.

322. Certificate that the highway leading from Southend to Hadham Mill, in the parish of Hadham, for which the inhabitants stand indicted, is now mended and in good repair.

323. Certificate that the foot-bridge lying between Butt Mead and Great Fallison, in the parishes of Sabridgworth and Gelston, for not repairing which Jocelyn (*sic*) Rimmington, the elder, and John Peachy were presented, is now in good repair.

324. Certficate that a certain highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, called Kentish Lane, and also a bridge in the same parish, called Rowborne Bridge, are both in good repair.

327. 3 October, 1674. Letter from Thomas Ashby to Mr. Chauncey, dated at Albury:—

"These are to inform you that the weather beinge so wett all this somer that the water was never dried upp, neither could be gotten out of that lane all this somer, which the parish of Albury standeth indicted for, leading from Albury End to Stondon, so that wee cannot git it certified, I would intreat you to doe us what favour you cann to gitt us further tyme for mending, by reason noe damage nor hinderance can come to any, by reason none passeth through that lane but the high constable, Mr. Greene, whose wife was the occasion of the indicting of it, who alwaies heretofore went through there owne ground and his neighbour's. And hitherto the towne never repaired it by reason of the impossibility of doing it, but ever went through there owne ground (whatever the charge is the bearer hereof will discharge) if there be any occasion for an attorney to note it to the justices, pray imploy Mr. Bryan, my friend, concerning it, and the constable shall pay him.

I have urgent occasions that prevent me, otherwise I should have been there myself desiring your assistance what you can. I rest, etc."

328 & 329. Lists of maimed soldiers with the sums of money paid to them.

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236. March 18, 1673-4. Certificate of the conviction, under the Conventicles Act, of John Roberts, of Royston, co. Cambridge, Philip Williamson and Joan Brand, of the same, George Hagger, son of George Hagger, of Upper Cheshill, co. Essex, Richard Rumball and Grace Finkill, widow, of Barley, co. Hertford, Thomas Thurgood, of Littlington, co. Cambridge, and the wife of James Hughes, the elder, of London, for assembling at the house of Elizabeth Ossell, of Royston, widow, on 28th February, 1673-4, for religious worship.

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369. Warrant for the seizure of the goods of William Bassill, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for the payment of a fine of twenty pounds "for unlawfull coursing, killing, hunting, and taking away one redd deare, out of a wood called Brambles Wood, in the parish of Broxburne," belonging to the Earl of Salisbury. Return made—no goods. Committed to the house of correction for six months.

376. Warrant to the constables of Ware:—Whereas it appears that divers persons, among them Thomas Burr, Gregorie Tingey, Mrs. Parratt, and Thomas Dockrell, have been convicted before Sir James Altham, for being present at an unlawful and seditious conventicle held at the house of John Harwood, in the parish of Roydon in Essex. And forasmuch as it is provided by the Conventicle Act that if any person offending against the said Act shall be an inhabitant of another county than the county where the offence was committed, the justice of the peace before whom such person is convicted shall certify the same to one of the justices where the offender belongs, who is to levy the penalties

mentioned in the Act. This warrant charges the constables of Ware to levy fines on the above-mentioned persons, they being inhabitants of Ware.

377. Similar warrant to the constable, etc., of Barley, to arrest Grace Finkell, widow, and Richard Rumball, both of Barley, for being at a conventicle at the house of Elizabeth Offell (Ossell ?), widow, in Royston.

380. Warrant to the governor of the house of correction at Hertford :—

"Whereas Marie Armestrong, an idle, lewde, vagrant beggar, was this 24th day of June, 1675, by Arthur Younge, of Kempton, constable there, and George Williams, of the same parish, husbandman, brought before me, Edward Wingate, esq., one of the King's Majestie's justices of the peace in the county of Hertford, and charged as well with begging and idle wandering abroade, and also with other lewd and disorderly behaviours so as shee appears to be dangerous to the people, and as one as will not be reformed of her roguish life.

"These are, therefore, to will and require you to receive the sayde Marie Armstrong and her safely keepe in your said house until the next quarter sessions. And during that time that she shall so continue with you that you hold her to worke and labour, and to punish her by putting fetters and gyves upon her, and by moderate whipping her as in good discretion you shall find cause. Yeelding her for her maintenance so much as she shall deserve or earne by her worke and labour."

381. Warrant for the apprension of all those who do not attend their parish church, and those who frequent conventicles, and all who sell beer without a licence, as well as all "common swearers, common drunkards, disturbers of the peace, prophaners of the Lord's Day, all rogues and vagabonds, and idle, suspicious persons" within the parish of Ware.

382. Warrant to the chief constable of the half-hundred of Braughin:—Whereas by a warrant dated 17th April, the constables of the town of Stansted were lately commanded

to levy distress on the goods of several persons of the said town several sums of money forfeited by them by virtue of the Conventicle Act, the said constables have made no due return but have refused to execute the same; the chief constable is therefore to summon the said constables of Stansted to appear at the next general sessions, there to answer their neglect and contempt.

383. Warrant to the chief constables of the half-hundred of Braughin:—Whereas by a warrant dated 17th April, the constables of Ware were lately commanded to levy distress on the goods of several persons at Ware, certain sums of money forfeited by them under the Conventicle Act, and the said constables having refused to execute the same the chief constables are commanded to summon Henry Peach, of Ware, maltster, and Edward Fryer, of the same, maltster, the present constables of the said town, personally to appear at the next general quarter sessions.

419 & 420. 18 June. Recognizance for the appearance of George Eliott, of Hunsdon, yeoman, to prosecute Thomas Wren, of Hunsdon, for refusing to do his service in the highways.

446. Presentment of John Waren, alias Wood, the younger, of Tharfield, "for following the trade of a carpenter and not having served as an apprentice seaven yeares."

447. Presentment of the highway in the parish of "Hpolites," leading from Hitchin to "Winly Parve," which is much out of repair.

448. Presentment of a common highway in the parish of Broxborne, leading from Wormley to Hodsdon, which is out of repair and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Broxborne.

Presentments of Francis Gearey, of Berkhamsted St. Peters, for following the trade of a cloth-dyer for six months without having served seven years' apprenticeship; and of Thomas Lyon, of Sabridgworth, for not repairing a watercourse between a field called Marly and Marly Mead. Signatures.

449. Presentment of Nuns Bridge in the parish of Cheshunt,

which has been very much out of repair for a long time, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Cheshunt.*

Presentment of a gravel-pit in the parish of Great Amwell, "it being a dangerous place for all such as pass that way" on the road from Hoddesdon to Ware. Signatures.

451. Presentment of a highway a quarter of a mile long, called Black Lane, in the parish of Little Hadham, leading from Westleton Green to Bishops Storford road, which is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Little Hadham. Signatures.

452. 12 July. Presentment of Edward Halsey for not going to church for three Lord's days last past; of John Humberston, of Walkhorne, for selling corn without licence; of John Bloeth, of Totteridge; —— Hill, a smith, of Digswell, and others, for not going to church; and of Christopher Cooper, of Lilley, for drawing beer without licence.

454. Presentments of the inhabitants of Cheshunt for Nuns Bridge; of Samuel Rue, Jeremiah Plumer, William Stayley, and James Brown for not coming to their parish church; of Sir John Munston, of Broxbourne, for allowing Tonford Bridge, in the parish of Cheshunt, to be in decay; of Mrs. Westwood, of St. Margarets, for a gravel-pit adjoining to Amwell fields, in the parish of Great Amwell, near the New River Bridge, which is dangerous for all that pass that way; of Philip Mitchell, of Cheshunt, for not making up a breach in the river, called the Powder Mill River, between a close called Hoversea and a field called Hoames, "it being an annoyance to all who pass that way, which leads to Waltham Markett." Signatures.

456. Presentments of Robert Cocke, silk-weaver, of the parish of Cheshunt, for opening his shop and selling of goods on the Lord's day in the time of divine service; of the inhabitants of "Sacom" for not repairing a highway leading from "Sacom" Greene to High Cross; and of William Reade and William Godfrie, of Hitchin, for suffering corn to be pitched in their yards on the market day, and there sold by the respective owners.

* "By the Earl of Salisbury" crossed out, see also 454.

458. Presentments of a lane called Rooky Lane, in the parish of Read, leading from Read to Barkway, for being out of repair; and of a lane called Three Ash Lane, in the parish of Barkway, leading from Roystone to Barkway, which is out of repair. Signatures.

461. Indictment of John Chalke, of Stortford, for exercising the trade of a baker without having been apprenticed thereto.

463. Demurrer of Thomas Keightley against an indictment for not attending church. He says that on 1st April he repaired to the parish church of St. Margaret in Westminster, co. Middlesex, and stayed there during the time of common prayer.

465. Indictment of Joseph Ward, of Waltham Cross, in the parish of Cheshunt, for putting away from his service John Feast, his servant, without due cause previously alleged before a justice of the peace.

470. Indictment of Mary Keightley, widow, and Thomas Keightley, esquire, of Hertingfordbury, for not going to church.

471. Indictment of William Spicer and George Spicer, labourers, and Grace Lewis, spinster, all of Cheshunt, for refusing to enter service, not having visible means of maintenance.

472. Indictment of John Mihill, of Chesthunt, baker, for selling loaves of bread, each of them being one ounce under the lawful weight.

475. Indictment of Thomas Lyon, of Sabridgworth, yeoman, for not repairing a common watercourse there, running between the common field and meadow called Marly Field and Marley Meadow.

477. Indictment of Dorothy Benniall, of Stocking Pelham, for exercising the trade of a grocer without having been apprenticed thereto.

478. Presentment that a gravel pit was lately dug in the parish of Great Amwell, near the highway leading from Hoddesdon to Ware, and by reason of the land near the highway falling in, is become dangerous, and that the inhabitants of Great Amwell ought to repair the same.

479. Indictment of the inhabitants of Cheshunt for not repairing Nunn's Bridge.

481. Indictment of Francis Geary, of Berkhamstead St. Peter, for exercising the trade of a cloth dyer without having been apprenticed thereto.

482. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Broxbourne, leading from Wormeley to Hoddesdon, is in great decay, and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Broxbourne.

483. Indictment of Thomas Weaver, of Stocking Pelham, for exercising the trade of a grocer without having been apprenticed thereto.

485. Indictment of Henry Hicks, of Standon, higgler, for forestalling the market there.

492. Indictment of Michael Wilkenson, of Sabridgworth, yeoman, for not repairing certain hedges in Rye Field there, being his freehold, which hedges were in very great decay, to the detriment of his neighbours.

514. Indictment of John Humberstone, of Walkern, yeoman, for exercising the occupation of a badger without licence.

520. Indictment of Philip Michell, of Chesthunt, esquire, for not repairing a breach in Powder Mill River, between a close called Hover Sea and Homes Field, on account of which breach the said river overflowed and damaged the footway leading from Cheshunt to Waltham Abbey.

521. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for not repairing Nunn's Bridge.

525. Indictment of the inhabitants of Little Hadham for not repairing the highway in Black Lane, leading from a place called Westleton Green towards Stortford.

548. Indictment of Joshua Case, of Amwell, laborer, for setting up a turnpike on Amwell Bridge over the River of Lee.

551. "This is to informe that Edward Humerstone, of Amwell, is a very evill liver, keeping a disorderly house, harbouring vagabonds and theeves in his house night and day to the

prejudice of the neighbourhood, suffering them to have fire and candle in a thatched barne day and night, to the great danger of the houses of the neighbours. Also keeping such company as aforesaid, drinking, revelling, singing and roaring on Sabboth days all day, yea even in sermon time."

552. Order of sessions for the removal of the widow and children of John Leonard from the Talbot Inn at Islington back to the parish of Cheshunt. (See No. 250).

553. Order for levying fines on the "goods and chattels" of Thomas Pryor and William Adams for being present at an unlawful conventicle.

555. Order in Council, dated at Whitehall, 5th Feb., 1674-5, to the Custos Rotulorum of Herts to return the convictions of recusants into the Exchequer.

557. 14th February. Information that Richard Dennis, Stephen Hawks, Barnaby Barker, Elizabeth King, and Robert King, all of Barley, William Dane, of Barkway, Mark Wright, of the same, Francis Baker, Joan Leitchfield, spinster, John Rule, Mary, wife of John Fordham, all of Great Chissell in co. Essex, Stephen Hawks, of Little Chissell, William Hoy, of the same, and Elizabeth, his wife, George Grout, of Langley, in co. Essex, and John King, of Crishall, in co. Essex, were present at an unlawful conventicle in the house of Elizabeth King, of Barley, and that the said Richard Dennys took upon himself to teach and preach there.

558. 22 February. Information that George Gates, of Layston, George Edridge, of the same, Susan Edridge, of the same, Christopher Bateman, and Helen, his wife, of the same, Joan, wife of Anthony Brand, the elder, of the same, Thomas Seimour, and Alice, his wife, of the same, William Savage, of the same, John Knight, of Throcking, John Fisher, the elder, of Widdiail, Henry Hewlett, of the same, Anna, wife of John Brown, the elder, of the same, Elizabeth, wife of Edward Browne, of the same, Martha, wife of John Aldridge, of the same, Richard Rumball, of Barley, Grace Finckle, widow, of the same, Mary, wife of Matthew Cooper, of the same, Ann Rustead, spinster, of the same, Stephen

Hagger and George Hagger, the younger, sons of George Hagger, the elder, of Upper Chishall, in co. Essex, John Harris and Mary, his wife, of Cottered, William Gutteridge, singleman, of the same, Daniel Mardell, of the same, Prudence Burnhedge, widow, of the same, Ann, wife of John Parker, of Yardley, John Burnhedge, of the same, John Rockhill, of the same, Thomas Nutting, of the same, William Nutting, singleman, of the same, Thomas Game, of Aldbury, Robert Tilling, of the same, John Shinn, of the same, Thomas Phip, of Furneaux Pelham, Henry Bush, of the same, William Stalley, of the same, Susan, wife of James Browne, of Standon, Francis Exton, of Walkerne, Nathaniel Bracey, of Sandon, Richard Faire, of the same, Mary Stalley, spinster, of the same, Stephen Fetherstone, of Royston, Edward Sutton, of the same, John Brand, of the same, and ten other persons unknown were present at an unlawful conventicle in the house or barn of George Gates, of Layston, butcher, and that John Parker, of Yardley, and Anthony Tompkyns, of the Borough of Southwark, co. Surrey, took upon themselves to teach and preach there.

559. George Gates, Geo. Edridge, Susan Edridge, all of Laystone, John Knight, of Throcking, Anne, wife of John Brown, of Widdyal, Henry Hewlett, of the same, Wm. Warby, of Westmill, and James Brown, of Puckridge, presented for being at a conventicle in a barn of the said Geo. Gates, at Laystone. (See also 560, where other names are added).

561. Presentment of divers persons for being present at a conventicle at the house of Elizabeth Offield, at Royston.

562. The petition of Tymothy Norrys to the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford:—

Showing that the said Norrys, "being seized of certaine copyhold land, holden of the manor of Flamstead, did purchase an ancient cottage standing in another place within the said manor, and for his convenience did afterwards remove and build it upon his copyhold." That he was then presented for "a new erected cottage," fined £10 and ordered not to dwell in it, "but that the same should be taken down."

Further, that besides being deprived of the possession of the said cottage he is not allowed to hire any other house in the parish, though he has dwelt there "for the most part of his lifetime." He desires therefore an order that he may either rent a house or be allowed to dwell in his own cottage.

564. The petition of Edward Malin, of Weston :—

Showing that he has been an inhabitant of Weston "above threescore years," and followed the trade of a blacksmith as long as he was able. That he has brought up five children, only one of whom is living. That he is now "fourescore and three past and his wife fourescore, wanting a quarter," and that they are both very poor and unable "to gett anything whereby to live," and that they receive only 18 pence a week between them, whereas "others have 18 pence a piece single persons." He therefore desires that an order be made that the parish shall allow them 3s. together, which is but the allowance they make to other persons.

566. The petition of Frances Church, of Stondon, widow :—

Showing that she is a poor widow with three children, one of them about 13 years old, being lame and not able to help herself. That she receives only sixpence a week from the parish, which is insufficient with her own labour to maintain them. She therefore petitions for an order that she may have "some small addition more."

567. Petition of William Mitchell and divers others of the inhabitants of the county of Hertford for the discontinuance of the toll at "Waredsmill." (See No. 312).

570. Certificate by Gabriel Powerson, rector, and others, that the chalk dell on Maundlyn Heath in the parish of Wellwyn has been well and sufficiently repaired "with a double rayle soe that travellers and passengers may pass without danger." (See also No. 571).

572. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the footbridge in the parish of Watton, leading from Wattonstone to Walkern, is sufficiently repaired.

576. Certificate by Richard Franklin and another, justice of the peace, that the ancient common King's highway in the

parish of Abbots Langley, within the hundred of Cashio, leading from Hunton Mill to Watford, for which the inhabitants of Abbots Langley stand indicted, is now in good repair.

577. Certificate by Thomas Roberts, "chirurgion," and Nicholas Watton, minister, that Lawrence Helder, who is summoned to appear at the sessions for being absent from church, is "a very infirm man, and that it is not for any wilful neglect, but that his distemper is such that he is not able to goe."

578. Certificate by two justices of the peace that a common highway in the parish of Ippollittes, leading from Hitchin to Wymondley, which stands indicted for being out of repair, is now found to be in sufficient repair.

579. Certificate, dated at Sawbridgeworth, 9th July, 1675, that Thomas Lion [Pion?] "hath taken away the corse (*sic*) which were presented at the last sessions by Thomas Stott (?) against the Marley, both of the corse (*sic*) was not worth above sixpence to do."

580. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the highway in the parish of St. Margarets, leading from Stansted Abbott to Hertford, is in sufficient repair.

581. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the highway or lane leading from Albury End to Stondon, which "standeth indicted for not being repaired," is now in good repair.

583. Certificate by two justices of the peace that, upon view of the King's highway at a place called Wattkins Lane and all the rest of the highway from Ashwell to a certain place called White Bridge and so towards Potton, in the county of Bedford, for which the inhabitants of Ashwell stand indicted, they find it to be in good and sufficient repair.

588. 5 Jan. Letter "to Mr. John Chauncy, Under-Sheriffe, att his house in Hertford," from Thomas Hill:—

"This is to lett you understand that I cannot appear at your quarter sessions because I set out this day to the 12 markets in Lestershire to buy horses and cannott tell when I shall return. So uppon your account I have sentt 2s. by this bearer which is my . . . for repairing the

2 bridges and desire you by all means to appeare for mee and lay it downe that the fine be taken off. I hope you had good success in my business at London.

"Since I writt my letter I looked upon the order, and if the money bee not paid before the sessions I must pay the fine, so I leave my business to you."

591. 11 January. Letter from Edward Lawrence "for his esteemed good friend, Mr. John Chancey":—

"The pore peopell* due soe hunt mee that I cannot rest for them. Pray deliver thare petishon for them as sune as posibell you can with conveniency for they atend the cort not ease."

592. 2 April. St. Albans. Letter from Thomas Richards. "For Mr. John Chauncey, clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford at his house in Hertford":—

"You must needs gett the traveses between the Kinge and Gearey putt off, for the chiefe witness therein for the Kinge haveing broaken his legg is not yett able to travell so farr as from Barkhamsted St. Peter, where he dwells, to Hertford, which is 18 miles, and I myself am soe ill that I am not able to come to manage it, but to bee sure (if God blesses us with health untill midsomer sessions) we will then proceed without any failer. The justices doe not use to lett the King bee surprised upon any informations when his witnesses are disabled for comeing, but always in such cases give day over, therefore I entreate you to gett it put off. I rec[d.] your declor[ation] and warrant for Mr. Lomax, and will give it to him soe soon as I can gett out of doores. I will take care for you of the King's duty both in our court and the Archdeacon's as I did before."

594. 12th April. Wyddiall. Letter to Mr. John Chauncey from Rich. Goulston:—

"I have sent the records of the conviction of severall conventiclers at 3 sundry meetings which I desire you to take in as the Act directs, and be pleased to certify so much to the court.

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* No place named.

"I am unhappily detayned from giving my attendance this sessions as well against my will as custome, but necessity will sometimes impose upon men as at this time on mee. One thing more I desire of you, that you would please to take notice of and to certify to the court that at a private sessions at Puckeridge lately, before 7 or 8 justices, whereof your brother [was] one, an account was taken of the toll money in my hand over and above what was given up to the court at Mich. sessions last and a distribution of that money designed to severall parishes on the northern and north-east road, which said distribution wee desire may have the approbation and direction of the court of quarter sessions in order thereunto, that soe we may deale plainly securley in this case and matter.

"Peradventure it may be moved by some justice allready, present at that private sessions, if not pray doe you on my behalfe, for the time and season drawes on for amendment of highways, and we would not bee wanting to this service."

Ordered accordingly.

599. 4 October. Letter from H. Gore. "For Mr. John Chauncey."

"Mr. Clerke of the Peace,

I understand there is an indictment upon Mrs. Westwood (?), of St. Margarets, for a gravell pit lying near the New River Bridge, in the parish of Great Amwell. I did this day view it and find it not at all dangerous to the highway, of which I pray you to inform the justices of the bench that the said indictment may be taken off."

600. 10 September. Gaddesden. Letter from Jo. Eddowes (?) to "the Right Honble. my most honoured good Lord, John, Lord Viscount Brackley, at Ashridge."

"I have a great complaint to make to your lordship, not only on the behalf of my Lord your father, but also of all the gentry in this neighbourhood, who are desirous to preserve the game in these parts and see the laws putt in execution.

"The case is this. In Hempstedd there live two brothers who have several surnames, but most comonly known by

the names of Charles Greene and William Greene. They are both mean mecanicks, yet doe constantly keepe setting doggs and spend most of their time as well nights as dayes in potching and destroying hares, partridges, pheasants, and the like. In particular this Charles Greene was lately soe impudent as to come with his sonne, John Greene, with a setting dog into my Lord Bridgwater's Manor of Gaddesden, near his mansion house, and the dogg having made a sett at a paire of partridges, my Lord's servant and gamekeeper for that manor coming by chance that way, having a gunn in his hands and espying them, rann towards the dog to prevent the destruction of the partridges, to have caught him. But these Greenes, father and sonne, came up to him, fell upon him and beat him, and tooke his gunn from him and kept it a good while, and went away with their dogg in despight of him and his authority. Upon this the gamekeeper complayned to mee and my Lord Bridgwater's steward of the wrong done to him and abuse to my Lord. We thereupon went to Hempstedd to speake with these disorderly persons, and the father coming to us wee advised him by faire meanes to forbeare those lewd and unlawful courses, and because he was a poore man to save him trouble and charge, offered him that if he would hang his dogg and reform for the future we would get this offence passed by. He then faithfully promised that upon the Monday morning following he would meet us at seven in the morning and bring the setting dogg to us that wee might see him hanged or disposed of. But before we came (an hour before the time) he brought another dogg to the place and there hanged him in derision and never came neare us more. And now follows his ould courses and keepes one or two setting dogges and destroyes all the game in the countrey. My lord your father is loath to have these persons brought before him by reason hee is the party injured, and will not be judge in his owne cause. Your lordship therefore being the next justice of the peace, I presume to trouble herein and pray your lordship's warrant to call

these persons before you or some other justice of the peace that they may be bound over to the sessions or stand committed till then for disobeying the law in keeping setting doggs and netts not being qualified, and for entring my Lord Bridgwater's and other lords' manors, so confidently to destroy the game, and for beating and abusing my lord's officer in the doing of his duty sufficient proof will be brought against them. And if such fellows as these bee not punished, they may in time not only kill the partridges but steale the horses out of their neighbour's grounds or break their houses. Besides, those courses take them from their callings and comonly bring them to beggery. I doubt not of your lordship's justice herein."

603. "A return made by the constables of Baldock, of the goods that they tooke away from the quakers for their meeting as followeth :—

	£	s.	d.
James Caudell, 2 paire of shooes	00	05	00
Anthony Fage, 2 bushell of malte	00	05	00
Richard Shephard, 1 dozen of candles	00	04	06
John Irard (?) 6 paire of stockings	00	05	00

And if it please your worship here is all that we could come at for all the gates and doores were all lockt that we could come at, noe more of theire goods therefore we would desire your worship not to be very strict with us for we have done our endeavours for to get them all distrayned."

605. The account of the toll at Wardsmill from 5th October, 1674, to 11th January, 1674-5, amounting to £85 15s. 0d.; and the disbursements for the same period amounting to £23 8s. 9d. (See also 610 and 611).

606. 12 January :—

	£	s.	d.
"The adjust" of Mr. Hamonds accompts concerning Standon bridges (his timber being allowed for)	50	00	7
Pd. him by two orders of court	40	00	0
Remaining then	10	00	7

608. 9 January. "The return of Ralph Day, one of the high constables of the hundred of Carshio, as followeth :— By vertue of an order of sessions held for this county for the raising of the sum of £60 within the county for and towards the repaire of two county bridges to witt, Standon and Wardsmill bridges, whereof the proportions laid upon the liberty of St. Albans being £12, and the same sum being devided with my partners the proportion of my division being £6 accordingly, I issued forth my warrant to the constables of the severall parishes undernamed with there severall proportions."

Names of parishes follow.

609. 24 February. "A bill of worke and timber doone and spent about Wardsmill bridge by mee William Stokes, carpenter . . . Mr. Chauncey, I have sene the worke dun and the timber mesured, and as far as I am consarned alow of this bill." Signed, E. Lawrence.

616. A survey taken the 23rd of March, 1674-5, for the rebuilding of Wardsmill bridge by William Sutton and William Stoakes, carpenters :—

	£	s.	d.
"Imprimis for 9 mudsells 22 foote longe apece at 200 foote of timber	10	00	00
Item for 18 postes and 16 foote in every poste...	14	00	00
Item for 16 side-girts, 8 foote in a girte, at 128 foot of timber...	06	08	0
Item for 16 upper-side girts of the same proportion	06	08	0
Item for 9 crosse girdings, 10 foote in a girding at 90 foote	04	10	0
Item for 16 spurres, foure foote apece ...	03	12	0
Item for 18 small posts, 36 foote of timber...	01	16	0
Item for a 1000 foote of planke two inches and-a-half thicke at £1 14s. the hundred	17	00	0
Item 40 foote of timber for standerd peires and small rayles	02	00	0
Item 20 foote of timber for small brases ...	01	00	0
Item for 48 gice at foure foote in a gice ...	09	12	0
Item timber for a gate	00	05	0

	£	s.	d.
Item for the carriage and digging of 40 loads of clay	02	03	4
Item for gravelling the bridge and taking the ould gravel off	03	00	0
Item for digging the foundation and turning the water	03	00	0
Item for carting of timber	06	00	0
Item for carpenters and sawyers worke ...	42	00	0
Item for wharfage, labourers worke, and timber at both ends of the bridge	12	00	0
Item for a 160 foote of uper rayles at 48 foote of timber	02	08	0
Som is	147	12	4
In the old bridge deduct	010	00	0
Rests	137	12	4

The old bridge valued at 10*l.* 00*s.* 0*d.*"

618. "Stokes his valuation of timber for the rebuilding of the bridge at Wadgemill:—

For timber	078	18	00
For workmanship	068	13	4
	147	01	4
Dane's valuation for timber	087	12	10
For workmanship	59	10	00
	147	02	10

The above-named persons (*sic*) doe affirme that the above-mentioned bridge cannot bee repaired with any security to the works or any reasonable charge."

620. 21 March. List of persons convicted under the Conventicle Act at Baldock:—

List of persons assembled under colour of exercising religion in other manner than according to the liturgy of the Church of England at their meeting-house in Baldock on

various occasions from 5 March to 4 April, viz.:—Thomas Moss, the elder, Thomas Moss, the younger, John Moss, Michael Moss, John Pryer, Mary Pryer, Joseph Burr, Thomas Baldock's wife and daughter, Matthew Paine, Simon Mellard and his wife, Nicholas Fage, Edward Candle, James Candle, Joseph Burr, Edward Fage, Richard Shepperd, the elder, Richard Shepperd, the younger, Thomas Scalles, John Izard's wife, Peter Candle, Edward Fage, Anthony Fage, John Izard, the elder, John Izard, the younger, William Phillips, of Stalfould, Robert Garsuch, of Weston, Lewis Landy and his wife, and Robert Gossage, of Weston.

622. 6 July. Estimate of the cost of repairing Small Lea bridge between Hertfordshire and Essex, the moiety of it is 34 feet long and 16 feet wide, of wharfing and planking 34 feet and 15 feet. The total, including making good the stone and iron work, £75.

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654. Warrant "to all constables, headboroughs, tithing men, and all other officers whome theise presents may concerne :— George Snodon, a sturdy vagrant beggar of a low personage, black-haired, goeth stooping, making use of a crutch, aged about ninteen years, was this 28th day of August, Anno Domini 1676 . . . openly whipped at Redbourne according to law for a wandering rogue, and is assigned to pass forthwith from parish to parish by the constables thereof the next way to Stowsley [Stokesley?] in Yorkshire, where he confeseth he was borne or dwelt last by one whole year, and he is limited to be at Stouesley aforesaid within fortie dayes now next ensuing at his perill, and the constables of every town where he shall come are required to allow him necessary relief for his passage, and to help him with lodging, soe that he travelleth the next way to Stously aforesaid not doing anything contrary to the lawes and statutes of this realme." Signed by Tho. Draper and Will. Marshall.

679. Recognizance for the appearance of Robert Marshall to present a bill of indictment against "Robert Shayler, of St. Gyles-

in-the-fields, gardiner, for stealing a thimble off of a fish gate."

Recognizance for the appearance of Peter Bowes and Richard Mead, to prefer a bill of indictment against William Stone and Nicholas Kith, "for fraudulently and deceiptfully selling of two caskes or vessells of water for brandy-wine."

710. 19 March. Information of Thomas Cocke, the younger, of Widberry Hill, concerning what he saw of the stealing of a lamb belonging to his father.

711. The examination of Mathew Ayers accused of stealing a lamb from Thomas Cock, the elder.

The said Mathew Ayers says that he lives in Southwarke "over against St. George's Church," and that he is a tailor by trade, "who going to meet with his wife in Hare Street at the Dogshead and Pott, in his way thither in a lane called Holly Bush Lane, on Shrubs Hill, there in the parish of Ware, was staid and secured by Tho. Cock, the elder, and Tho. Cock, the younger, and charged by them with stealing of one ew lamb" which he denies.

715. 2 Aug. Joseph Heynes being examined "doth acknowledge that he went out of London with a designe to assist James Domingo and by naturall magicke and other artifices to tell fortunes, but denyeth that hee tooke any money, and pretends whatever hee did was without any designe but as a frollicke."

James Domingo being examined "owneth that hee was at Bishop's Stortford with Joseph Haynes and a woman in man's apparrell," who he pretends is his wife, and that he was also at Ware on the 1st August, "and owns the printed paper now showed to him and did accordingly practise the said art of telling fortunes, but got not above 7s. at Bishop's Stortford. Further saith that he hath noe house but that his dwelling and his wives are at Doctor Revells, in Salisburie Court, London."

715a. Information given against Joseph Haynes, gentleman, and James Domingo and Sarah, his pretended wife, by John Hockley, John Grindley, Peter Holdsworth, of Ware, and Rivers Dickinson, of the same. They prisoners came (the

woman being in man's apparel) into Ware pretending to tell fortunes both by publishing papers to that end and also by doing of it, taking of Hockley and Grindley 6d. a piece. They also pretended to give physic and cure almost all deseases by an elixir as may appear by their bill; they saying that money came in very slowly at Ware by 6d. and 3d. apiece, but at Bishop's Stafford (*sic*) they got £20. Haynes boasted he "had gotten five pounds and three maydenheads at Ware and a broken shinne," Domingo said he got about six and twenty shillings that day. (See also No. 833).

717. Presentment of a footbridge leading from Bovington to Stephenage Market and lying between the parish of Bovington and the parish of Asson [Aston], at a place called Stonyford "being a very dangerous place."

718. Presentment of Robert Rusted, of the parish of Barley, "for encroaching on the King's highway, in making a ditch . . . . and planting trees where the former ditch was." (See also 788).

Presentment "of the widdow Osburn," of the parish of Meesden, "for not keeping her ditch with scouring which is in the lane, which leadeth from Meesdon to Puttock, and which causeth the lane to be out of repair."

719. Presentment of Joshua Cass, of Amwell, "for erecting and setting of a turnpike upon a certain bridge called Ware Bridge."

726. Presentment of a bridge called Small Lee Bridge, in Cheshunt, leading from Cheshunt to Waltham Abbey, which is in the King's highway, "for being out of repair, and formerly repaired by the county of Hertford and Essex," and that the county of Hertford ought to repair one-half of the bridge.

Presentment that a lane called Mault Mill Lane, in the parish of Hitching, leading from Hitching to Chaulton, 8 poles in length, is very much out of repair.

Presentment (cancelled) of Gabriel Barber, "Dr. in phisick," of the parish of St. Margarets, Hertford, "for daming up the King's highway between Cowbridge and his owne house."

Presentment that a "foote causey" 10 poles in length, in the parish of Braughing, leading to Gregg's bridge, is very much out of repair. Signatures.

727. Presentment of a footbridge lying on the backside of a mill called Huntsman's Mill, in Luddick Hide Ward (*sic*) in the parish of Hatfield, which is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by Francis Page, miller.

740. Indictment of the inhabitants of Clothall for not repairing a highway in that parish, leading from a place called Berden Valley to Cumberlow Green.

747. Indictment of Richard Mills, of Barkeway, yeoman, for refusing to pay 2s. 4d. assessed upon him for the constable's rate there.

748. Indictment of Francis Page, miller, for not repairing a common footbridge, lying near a water-mill commoniy called Huntsman's Mill, in a meadow called Luddick Hide Mead, in the parish of Hatfield.

749. Indictment of George Govall [?], of Hertingfordbury, laborer, for fishing with nets and other instruments in the waters of Robert Smith, in the river Lee there, and taking divers crawfish and trout.

754. Indictment of Leonard Battell, of Great Amwell, brewer, for neglecting to provide a cart and laborers for repairing the common highways within the parish of St. John, Hertford, when required to do so by Thomas Burchett, one of the surveyors there.

756. Indictment of Francis Wells, of Broxburne, laborer, for removing part of a bridge in and over the New River, in the parish of Broxburne, in the highway leading thence to London.

757. Indictment of the county for not repairing a common bridge called Small Lee Bridge.

758. Indictment of the inhabitants of Braughin for not repairing a common King's footway there, called a "causey," containing in length ten perches and in breadth two perches, leading from Braughin to Greeg's bridge.

760. Indictment of Thomas Logsdell, of Ware, laborer, for refusing to assist in quelling an affray when called upon by Sir Thomas Byde, knt., a justice of the peace.

768. Indictment of John Gates, of Throcking, butcher, for selling flesh and meat there on Sunday.

769. Indictment of Nicholas Ridge and William Stone, both of Hertford, laborers, for selling to Peter Bowles, of Ware, for 53s. 4d. two vessels, purporting to contain 20 gallons of "brandy," but which were to a great extent filled with water instead.

774. Order of sessions for a tax to be levied on the county to raise £45 8s. 2d. towards providing the balance of the sum required for the repairing of the county bridge called Wards-mill bridge, and that the constables of the county shall make out lists of all persons in their respective parishes who ought to be taxed.

780. 7 Feb. Copy of passport:—"Le My Lord Barclay Ambassadr. extraordinaire prés sa Majestie tres—chretienne et Plenipotentiaire du Roi de la Grand Bretagne pour la Traité de Paix à Nimmegue. A tous Governeurs et Luietenans Generaux de provinces et armés Governeurs particuliers des villes et places, maires, consuls et echevins d'villes capitaines et gardes des ponts, ports, plages et passages et à tous autres officiers justiciers et sujets tant de sa Majestie Tres Chretienne que de tous autre alleis du Roy de la Grande Bretagne par mer et par terre qu il [appartiendre] salut ce nomme Ri. Batte allant en Angleterre, nous le [les] avons accordeg a le laisser surement et librement passer par tous les lieux et endroits de vos pouvoirs et jurisdictions avec ses hardes sans les donner aucun empeschement mais au contraire toute assistance en cas de besoin. Fait en Nostre Hostel 28 de Juillet 1676 à Paris.

De Barclay.

"Civitas Eborum 7th of February, 1676:—Seene and allowed to passe the Citty of Yorke and County of the Citty Par ordre de son excellance.

H. Elwik, major.

The passport was also examined and endorsed at Kingston-on-Hull and at Bedford."

781. 12 Nov. Passport enabling Richard Bath and his wife to travell from Middlesex to Moneygaffe [?] Galloway, and allowing them six months to accomplish their journey. Signed by Edward Wyndham, knight marshal, and by officials of the various counties through which they passed.

783. The petition of William Pigott, showing "that it is not long since that your petitioner was tossed to and froo from the parish of Bennington to Tewin, and from Tewin to Bennington att your petitioners great charge and trouble, although the towne of Bennington is the place of nativity of your petitioner whose friends formerly have lived in good repute and creditt in the said parish of Bennington.

"Your petitioner did lately purchase a small cottage of one William Chapman, of Hadly, for the summe of eleven pounds and six shillings, and gave the said Chapman forty and six shillings in part of payment, and when soe donn one Daniell Mitchaell, of Bennington, went to the said Chapman and bought the house out of his hands, and moreover said that rather than your petitioner should inhabitt or abide in the said parish of Bennington he would buy all the houses and lands in the parish, so that your petitioner with his wife and children must of force to lye in the streets and perish."

786. 3 March. Certificate by John Taylor, rector, of Westmill, "that Peter Williams doth come to church very well, the distance of his house from the church considered."

790. Certificate that Joane Axtell, of Tring, widow, "in whose house the office of entries and payment of the duty of excise for the division is kept, did before she intermeddled in the said office" take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the oath mentioned in the Act of Excise.

791. 2 April. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the Wallington portion of a certain highway leading from Red Hill towards Royston, 100 poles in length, of which one

side lies in the parish of Wallington and the other side in the parish of Sandon, and for which the said parishes stand indicted, is now in good repair. (See No. 804).

793. "16 July, 1676. These are to certify that Edward Ewer and Elizabeth Mash were married upon the day and in the year above written.

by me, Gyles Andrew, curate."

794. Certificate by two justices of the peace that they have viewed a certain common highway 100 poles in length, lying in the parishes of Clothall and Rushden, and leading from a place called Bordon Valley to Cumblow [?] Greene, for which the inhabitants of the said parishes stand indicted, and that they have found that the part belonging to Clothall is in good repair. (See No. 804).

795. Similar certificate as to the part belonging to Rushton.

796. Similar certificate to No. 791, regarding the Sandon portion of the highway therein referred to.

797. Certificate that Luke Hanley "a vagrant beggar of indifferent tall stature, light-coloured hair, about the age of twenty-six," was whipped at Therfield, Aug. 29th, 1676, "for a wandering rogue, and is assigned to pass forthwith from parish to parish by the constables thereof the next strayght way to Northampton, where he confessed he was borne," and to be there within 8 days. Also that John Feast, "a vagrant beggar of low stature, browne-hair'd, about 12 years, was openly whipped at Thurfield," Sept. 14th, 1676, "for a wandering rogue," and ordered to pass to Edmonton, where he was born, within five days.

799. 9th June. Letter from Tho. Ashby to Mr. John Chauncey:—

"The bearer hereof desires to have a licence for a higler; his name is John Wallis, and doe him the favor to see if he was presented the last sessions for any misdemeanour, and whatsoever you shall doe for him he will satisfy you for it, pray Sir be not unmindfull of us for Albury highway for further tyme to amend till somer, and then it shall be done and the constables shall satisfy you for your soe doing."

801. 1 April. Letter from John Spicer to Arthur Spark, esq.:—

"These are to desire you to excuse James Renn from his service at the sessions, he living at a farm holden of the Earle of Salsberye's manor of Hadham parva, the tenants of the mannor as I understand being discharged by a patent from Queen Elizabeth, he notwithstanding was by the Bailife warned to serve as a jurie man there this sessions."

802. 3 April. Letter from Jo. Gill to Mr. Chauncey :—

"There is one day bound to the peace by Mr. Justice Willymott upon the oath of one Richard Punter, a tenant of mine, who lives at Reade. I have sent my son to look after the business, and request your assistance so far as you can, that he may be continued bound, for the fellow is well known to Justice Willymott to be a dangerous fellow, he lays poyson up and downe in Punter's yard, and hath poysoned his fouls and threatened that the man soe that he is doubtless in fear of his life, either by poisoning his water or otherwise. Pray lett my son have as quick a dispatch as conveniently you can."

804. 15 May. Yardley. Letter from Mr. H. Chauncy to his brother, Mr. John Chauncy :—

"Brother,—I desire you to enter these presentments at your sessions in my name. I present the inhabitants of Clothall and Rushden for that on the 16th day of March last past, they neglected to repaire a certaine highway, leading from Berden Valley to Cumberlow, conteyning 100 pole in length, lying in their parish on both sides, so that it lay so unleavell that noe coach could passe.

H. Chauncey.

"I present the inhabitants of Wallington and Sandon, for that on the 16th day of March last past, they neglected to repaire a certaine highway leading from Red Hill to Royston, conteyning 100 poles, lying in both their parishes so that it lay soe unleavell that no coach could passe.

H. Chauncey.

"And issue out processe hereupon retornable at the sessions in July next, and put these presentments into forme." (See Nos. 791, 794, 796).

806. 16 May. Letter from Tho. Hunsdon to Mr. John Crofts :— "The moneys which I have paid you upon the acct. of the bridges is just £67 11s. 10d., which is all I ever recd. or like to receive upon that accot., having your receipts for the same to show."

815. 9 July. Tring. Letter from Frances Leigh to Mr. John Chauncy, clerk of the peace :—"I granted my warrant directed to the constables of Barkhamsted St. Peters, to apprehend two persons who had beaten and dangerously hurt another man, but the constable after he had apprehended one of the persons brought him not before me nor any other justice, but carried him to the person hurt, who compounded with the offender for a sum of money, and so the constable dismissed him.

"The constable, though he has bin told that he did ill, has not so much as bin with me to acknowledge his fault. Now, Sir, I beg the favour of you to represent this matter to the court at the sessions that he may be proceeded against as they shall think fit. The name of the constable is Sam. Gregory."

822. Account of the toll at Wardsmill bridge from 4 Oct., 1675, to 10 January, 1675-6, with the disbursements for the same period.

823. 23 March. "Item sould the quakers goods which we distrained :—

	£	s.	d.
Item sould 2 bushill of malts	00	04	00
Item sould a dozan of candls	00	03	06
Item sould 6 pare of stockings	00	04	00
Item sould 2 pare of showes	00	04	00
	00	15	06"

824. 4 April. "Recd. then of Mr. John Chancey, clerke of the peace for Hertfordshire, five shillings, being soe much money by him sent as the Kings part of conventicling money leavyed of the goods of severall persons in Baldock, . . . 5s." Signed, J. Burgoyne.

825. 12 July, 1675. Account of money received of the high constable towards the restoration of Waredsmill bridge by order of sessions.

826. Account of the toll at Waredsmill, from 10th January, 1675-6 to 3rd April, 1676, and disbursments for the same period.

829. Account of money received and paid towards the building of Waredsmill bridge.

830. 30 December. "A particular of the charge in building Small Lea bridge viewed, examined, and allowed by us :—

	£	s.	d.
Carpenters worke according to agreement ...	105	00	00
Bricklayers and masons worke, cramps, and lead	82	05	05
Iron worke for the timber	06	14	06
Graveling and earthing the wharf and bridge ...	11	00	00
Expended on the workmen and messengers ...	1	06	00
Damage don to severall men carting over those grounds while the bridge was building, *viz.*—			
Thomas Robinson 3 0 0			
John Tempter 0 5 0			
John Lowin 1 0 0			
Mrs. Bab 0 10 0			
Richard Write 0 5 0			
	5	00	00
The sum totall is	211	05	11

Whereof the county of Essex is to pay one moyety and the county of Hertford the other moyety."

Signed by Ben. Maddox, W. Glascock, and others.

833. A "fortune" probably told by James Domingo who was convicted for telling fortunes at Bishop's Stortford (see No. 715). "I should advise you not to proceed in law.

"You shall be married Candlemas Day to a pretty tall merry-speaking man with black haire, a mole on his chin, you do not know him yet—his name is Simon Peters (*sic*), a farmer's son, he is worth £80 and heire to his father.

"The water has been an enemy to you and almost [spoiled] . . . . fortune but . . . ."

836. "John Crane had a nurse child from Stepney four years, since put to him by Thomas Hudson, reputed father, who is now decayed and cannot pay for itt. Move for an order to send itt to Stepney, they having a bond of £40 to secure the parish."

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3. 4 July. 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677. Writ of the King for the enforcement of an order made by the justices for the payment by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Standon of £6 12s. to Thomas Perry.

4. 8 July. Warrant granted to the constables for the parish of Wellinge by Richard Croft: States that "complante has bene made to him by Jo. Pricklove that Daniell Jelford have gone with six horses in his waggen contrarie to the Acte of Parliamente," and directs the said constables to levy the sum of forty shillings on the goods of the said Daniel and "dispose of the money accordinge to the law."

5. 19 July. Similar warrant granted to the same constables in regard to Thomas Mayes.

6. 8 July. Similar warrant granted to the same constables in regard to William Hollingworth. (See also No. 14).

15. 22 October. Warrant to the keeper of the gaol at Hertford to receive Cicely Hans, widow, of Datchworth, "for threatening to be the death of Elizabeth Bar, the wyfe of Robert Bar, of the said parish."

16. 12 November. Warrant to the churchwardens, overseers, and constables, of Braughin, for the removal of Anne Lazingby, wife of Thomas Lazingby, late of Standon, joyner, "who doth endeavour to settle herself in the parrish, and hath not hired any tenement of the yearly value of ten pound or otherwise given any security for the discharge of the said parrish," to Standon, which appears to be the place of her husband's last legal settlement.

23. 13 March. Recognizance of William Trayherne, of Stansted Abbott, clothworker, for his appearance to answer for neglecting to execute a warrant of the high constable for the searching for rogues, and for not attending at a special sessions.

32. 19 April. Recognizance of Jeremiah Broughton, of Hemelhemsted, baker, to answer such matters as shall be objected against him by Edmund Alley (?) one of the collectors of hearth money.

42. 17 July. Recognizance of Richard Bradshaw and Thomas Cakebread, both of Tharfield, labourers, and William Bradshaw, of Malndin [Maldon], co. Essex, labourer, that Richard Bradshaw will observe such orders of the justices as shall save the said parish, harmless of a bastard child of which he is the alleged father.

47. 8 August. Recognizance of John Dane, Thomas Parnell, and Thomas Holgate, all of Standon, labourers, to appear and give evidence against Oliver Lea, George Lea, and John Pryor, concerning a riot.

50. 20 August. Recognizance of Thomas Heath, Thomas Banford, and Thomas Wells, shoemaker, all of Hatfield, for the appearance of the latter to answer for refusing to execute some warrants directed to him by Richard Croft and given to him by John Pricklove, of St. Albans.

53. Instructions by John Watts for ——— Bray's clerk to draw up the recognizance of Thomas Pursey, butcher, Henry Pursey, glover, and Joseph Gregory, glover, all of Welwyn, for the appearance of Thomas Pursey at the next session to answer a charge of beating, kicking, and throwing into a a spring of water, Annis, wife of Robert Harper, of Welwyn, and for beating and kicking her son, aged but nine years.

Annis Harper deposed on 14 September that "this great abuse was acted by Thomas Pursey" during the first week of the same month.

67. 1 October. Order at quarter sessions that, whereas William Coleman, of Cottered, at the last quarter sessions, appeared and answered for Robert Draper, of the same parish, on the latter being called on the constable's jury and was sworn

by the name of the said Robert Draper, and afterwards left his fellows on the jury and was presented for it, and the said Draper having appeared at the present sessions to answer the said offence, and having been discharged, the court deeming that the matter is an abuse by the said Coleman as well against the court as against the said Draper, the said Coleman is bound over to appear at the next session to answer the offence.

69. 8 January. Presentment of George Read for not giving his attendance on the jury. (See No. 94).

70. Same date. Presentments that New Bridge, in the parish of Westmill, is out of repair and ought to be repaired by the county, (See No. 111); and of John Gates, of Throcking, butcher, for carrying and selling meat on the Sabbath day to Edw. Salmon, Doctor of Divinity and rector of the parish church of Kelshall.

71. 23 April. Presentment that a bridge, commonly called Leassy bridge, in the parish of Whethamsteed, leading thence to Harding, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the said parish. (See No. 97).

74. 23 April. Presentment of Edward Plumsted, of the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, for keeping a public school for the teaching of youths to read and write, not being licensed according to law, and also for using the profession of a schoolmaster by the space of two months last past.

75. 23 April. Presentment of Thomas Patmer, of Haddam Magna, for following the trade of a carpenter for one month not having served the necessary time as an apprentice.

Presentment of the inhabitants of Stondon, for allowing a town pump standing in the "Lord's wast," leading from Puckridge to Stondon, to fall out of repair; and of various persons for not attending church.

77. 2 July. Presentment of Robert Waterman, of Buckland, for carrying for hire twelve quarters of malt in his waggon at Kelshall, contrary to the statute. (See No. 107).

78. 9 July. Presentment of John Collupp, of Puckeridge, in the

parish of Stondon, for entertaining vagabonds at unseasonable hours, as also for receiving one having the smallpox upon him, thereby infecting the said town of Puckeridge; and also for not obeying Nicholas Wharton, constable of the parish on being charged by the latter during his watch. (See Nos. 110 and 114).

80. 9 July. Presentment of William Conquest, gent., and John Papworth, the younger, both of Hitchin; William Petts, of Preston; Richard Bowman [Browne in No. 115], of Walsar (*sic*), Thomas Potter, of Hitchin; Joseph Eavsden, of the same; William Newman, of Ickleford; and William Watson, of the same; for buying and selling as badgers without licence. (See No. 115). Presentment of William Barefoote, of Chesthunt, for "teaching of school" without licence.

81. 1 October. Presentment that a highway in the parish of Great Amwell, leading from Ware bridge towards Amwell, containing in length 100 poles, is out of repair, and that the said parish of Great Amwell ought to mend it. (See No. 135).

82. 1 October. Presentment of John Wareing, of Tharfield, for erecting a new cottage without laying four acres of land to it. (See No. 127).

Presentment of John Cooper and Edward Rumball, both of Barley, for not repairing to their parish church. (See Nos. 130 and 132).

84. 1 October. Presentments of Edward Prier, of Hitchen, miller, for not scouring a watercourse before his door in Porte Mill Lane; of Abraham Tompson, of Hitchen, for laying timber in the town there. (See No. 134); of the inhabitants of Hitchen for not repairing the Market Place, and of the bailiff [of the same] for making a great dunghill in the same market place to the great annoyance of the inhabitants living near it. (See 129 and 131); and of Richard Kidd, of Hitchen, for refusing to ward, and also for persuading his neighbours from it. (See also Nos. 128 and 324).

85. Presentment of the inhabitants of Hitchin for not repairing a highway there, at the entrance of the "downe" from

London leading to the market place, containing in length 100 poles.

86a. Names of those absent from the parish church of Tewing for three weeks.

Samuel Tufnaill and wife.
Joseph Welsh.
Hannorr Welsh.
John Bousell.
Richard Hanking.
John Hogdone's wife.
John Tufnaill.
Susan Campking.

87. Presentment of John Hunt, of "Ansey," Daniell Herres, of Reed, Mathew Hady, the younger, John Knight, of Laystone, Christopher Bateman, of the same, for not attending church, and Joseph Mason, of Royston, and William Hanking, Michill Heming, and William Ellson, all of Sandon, for selling beer without a licence.

Presentment that a pond in the parish of Reed, belonging to Richard Metcalfe and Aliph Herres is dangerous for want of a fence, which they agreed to mend by reason of a child being drowned there.

88. Presentment that a common bridge in the parish of Westmill commonly called New Bridge, leading from Buntingford to Puckridge is out of repair, which should be undertaken by the county. (See No. 90).

93. Indictment of John Smith, of Barkeamsted, husbandman, for leaving the court of sessions without leave, after being sworn as a juryman, and for refusing to do his duty in that respect.

94. Similar indictment of George Read, husbandman. (See No. 69).

107. Indictment of Robert Waterman, of Buckland, yeoman, for carrying in his cart there for hire, twelve quarters of malt belonging to others. (See No. 77).

108. Indictment of George Field, of Hertingfordbury, for making

a ditch and bridge in the common way there, leading from a place called Roxford towards the town of Hertingfordbury, and lying next to a wood there, called Loosey Bushes.

109. Indictment of William Disher, of the parish of Theobalds, gent., for refusing to provide two carts with the necessary implements, and two men for the purpose of repairing the highways in the parish of Cheshunt, in respect of his lands in the said parish, having been duly notified by Charles Armestrong, one of the surveyors.

115. Indictment of William Conquest, of Hitchin, gent., and others, for severally exercising the occupation of badgers and buyers of grain in diver's markets and fairs as well in the county of Hertford as elsewhere, without licence. (See No. 80).

126. Indictment of the inhabitants of Hitchin for not repairing the common highway in the said town, leading from the common highway called London Road to the ———* of Hitchin, containing in length 100 poles and in breadth three poles.

128. Indictment of Richard Kidd, of Hitchin, labourer, for refusing to keep watch and ward when summoned to do so by the constable there. (See No. 84).

133. Indictment of Edward Prior, of Hitchin, for not repairing and scouring a ditch there, near the highway in Portmill Lane, adjoining the water mill in his occupation. (See No. 84).

135. Indictment of the inhabitants of Gt. Amwell and Ware for not repairing a highway in the said parishes, leading from a common bridge over the great river of Lee called Ware Bridge towards Amwell, containing in length 100 poles and in breadth four poles.

145. July. Deposition concerning Highbridge, between Radlett and Cony Street:—

"Henry Francis, of Aldenham, yeoman, aged 74 yeares, will depose, if he be called, that the said bridge being

* Blank in original.

broken downe by the floods about 38 yeares agoe, hee the said Henry, about 36 years since, was constable of Aldenham. That Mr. Tho. Conningby, father of Sir Harry, being presented for not repayring the said bridge, he directed a warrant to the deponent to sumon certeine ancient men to appear at the next sessions at St. Albans, to testify who did first sett upp the bridge and who ought to repayre it. That Thomas Hill, one of the partyes sumoned, did sweare that hee was informed by the carpenter who was building the said bridge that Sir Ralph Conningsby (father of the said Tho. Conningsby) paid the said carpenter for setting up the said bridge, but Tho. Brewer, another witness sumoned, did swear that when he was servant to Edw. Brisco, esq., father of Edw. Briscoe, esq., now of Newberys, when his said master came from the assize at Hertford, whilst Brewer was drawing off his said master's boots, he told his wife that the said bridge was ordered to be sett upp at the charge of two hundreds of Cashio and Decorum, and that the said Mr. Brisco was appointed for Dacorum, and one Mr. Francis Redwood for Cashio hundred, to be the two persons to see the same done accordingly. Whereupon Mr. Tho. Conningsby did declare openly on the bench at St. Albans that he had nothing to doe with the repayre of it, for it was to be done at the charge of the said two hundreds." The deponent believes it will appear by the books at Hertford that such order was made.

152. Petition of the "inhabitants, uplanders of the parish of St. John, Hertford, who are out of the Burrowe of Hertford, to the justices of the peace, requesting the removal of certain poor persons who have lately endeavoured to settle themselves in the parish of St. John's, in that part thereof which is within the Burrough of Hertford, in houses or tenements under the yearely value of ten poundes without giving security to save the said parishe of S. John's, harmelesse," and complaining that in spite of a warrant issued, they have not been removed, "so that by this means the said parishe of S. John's is exceedingly filled with poore, and the inhabitants thereof, but chiefly the uplanders who live out of the borough and pay the bulk of the poor-rate are greatly overburdened."

153. Petition of the principal inhabitants of Ippollitts to the justices of the peace on the behalf of Elizabeth, wife of William Stone. The said William Stone being committed to gaol "for some notorious crime," his wife and child "being reduced to a very low and poore condition, not able to gett maintenance for her selfe and child," it is therefore requested that the bench remitt the fine laid on him, "and to inflict such punishment upon him as his crime deserve or as this honble. bench shall thinke fitt, soe that hee may bee released from his imprisonment and (as wee hope hee will) endeavour for the future to labour to gett an honest livelyhood for his wife and family."

158. 18 April. Certificate of Nathanael Hattey, curate, and other inhabitants of Waltham Hollycross, co. Essex, that Nicholas Rich, formerly an inhabitant of the said town, was then of good character, and that he has a wife and children who are destitute, by reason of his absence.

159. 25 May. Report of H. Channey [Chauncy ?] after view by him, that George Field, of Hertingfordbury, has stopped up a highway leading from Roxford to the parish church of Hertingfordbury, by making a ditch across the said way in South Field, adjoining to a wood called Loosey Bushes, in the said parish.

160. 2 Feb. Pass, signed by the Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne and another, permitting Richard Bath, "who hath faithfully served his majestie by sea and land and in farraine parts, and is now fallen sick and weak," to travel from Northumberland to his home at Canterbury, and stating that they "allow him two months from the date hereof to accomplish his journey and no longer." It is signed by the various justices of the peace and others, for the different counties through which he passed, including Hertford. It is not clear why his journey was not continued.

166. 9 January. John Monson and Henry Monson to John Chancey, under-sherriff:—"There was an indictment laid against Frances Wells for not mending a bridge in Broxborn Street over the New River. It has been long since

well mended, therefore we desire there may be no further process issued against him, and that he may be discharged next sessions, paying his fees."

167. 21 April. Ashwell. Letter from R. Baldwyn to Mr. John Chauncey at his house at Hertford:—"I understand that Mason was committed last sessions for want of sureties to prosecute his traverse, so that I suppose it will not come on this sessions. I must desire you not to let us be surprised in it. There is a presentment against John Gates, of Buntingford, for selling meat upon the Sabaoth day which was directed by Mr. Wellymott, and he is now willing it should be discharged. I would, therefore, desire you to move the court to moderate the fine, and I have ordered the bearer hereof to pay you both the fine and fees. I know he ought regularly to have appeared, but I doubt not but you can do it without him, and do not question, although the fine hath formerly gone into the clerk of the peace's pocket, and if it was right so to do now, yet I write to so ingenious a person who would not aggravate it for that reason. We have great want of a seal or warrants on this side of the country, pray let Coulson have some for the present supply, for the term drawing near, business will be stirring, begging pardon for this trouble." (See Nos. 182 and 184).

172. 3 September. Bilerykey. Letter from Wm. Griffen to Thomas Woodall in Hertford prison:—"Thomas, my love to you, and this to acquainte you that the childe is ded that Mathe Lince did lay to you, it dyed the last nite, being ye 2 of September, and your dame beeing in owre towne to daye I thought good to send you word of it for she went a waye and left the young boy att a fortnite owlde. I and all my famylee are in good health I thank God and so I rest." (See Nos. 182 and 183).

173. 29 September. Letter from Richard Croft to Mr. Chansie, clerk of the peace, Hertford:—"I have here enclosed a "recolence" which I pray deliver into the sessions for I am not verie well and cannot attend the court, and I fear Pricklove have suffered much wrong, but I leave that to the court." (See No. 357 in year 1683).

175. Letter from R. Anderson to Mr. John Chancy at his chamber in Clifford's Inn :—"I desire you to do me the kindness as to take of Hugh Hunts inditement for not coming to church he being infirme and very antient, I will take care that the fees of the courte shall be discharged the next assizes, if you will send me a note what they come to."

180. 3 December. A bill for the carpenters' work done at Nun's bridge.

181. "Mr. Goulston's accounts of the toll-money for the highway."

185. Note signed by James Sibbald and Henry Meux "A" and his wife settled inhabitants in Clothall. "A" removes to Norton where he wrought for 2s. 6d. the week, meat, drink, and lodging for nine months. The wife removes to Stotfold where she is retained as servant by the year. "A" sometimes once a week, sometimes once a month, lodges with his wife in Stotfold. Query, whether "A" ought to be settled in Clothall on Norton ?

188. The robery money collected in the hundred of Dacorum this Michaelmas term for Mr. Nich. Luke :—

	£	s.	d.
Of Martha Coppin, of Kaddington	10	0	0
„ Rich. Halsey, of Flampsteed	10	0	0
„ Jer. Gould, of Bovenden	10	0	0
„ James Gyford, of Shenly	10	0	0
„ Jer. Dell, of Bushy	7	0	0
„ Mistress Warren, do.	7	10	0
„ George Rands, of King's Langley	6	0	0
„ Tho. Crawley, of Hempsteed	6	0	0
„ Edmond Sibly, of Gadsden	5	0	0
„ Mathew Bishop, of Tring	5	0	0
„ Richard Elliot, do.	5	0	0
„ James Robson, of King's Langley	5	0	0
„ James Halsey, of Great Gadsden	6	0	0
	£92	10	0

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211. 2 January. Warrant granted by Rd. Freman to the constables of Standon, for the appearance of the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish at the next general quarter sessions, to answer for the disobeying of a warrant for the receiving of Anne, wife of Thomas Lazingby, joiner, "to be provided for according to law."

212. 15 Jan. Warrant granted by H. Chauncey for the distress for the sum of twenty pounds on the goods and chattels of Thomas Hatton, for that he "did unlawfully course and hunt a certain deere of the Right Honble. James Earle of Salisbury, in the grounds of the said Earle, against the consent of the said Earle, and was likewise aiding and assisting other persons herein," and "hath forfeited for the said offence the summe of twenty pounds according to the statute in such case provided."

213. 8 April. Warrant granted to the constable of Bishop's Hatfield for the arrest of John Welch, for refusing to be sworn in the office of constable for that parish.

220. 3 Nov. Pass (on form printed in italic type heraldically decorated) permitting Robert Galastrey who "hath been taken vagrant and wandering within the said county of Middlesex, and brought into the house of correction where he hath been punished for his vagrancy according to the statute in that case made and provided," to be conveyed from constable to constable to Ayre in Scotland "where he sath he was born or last legally settled." It is signed by the constables through whose hands he passed

221. 23 Nov. Warrant for the committal of Robert Glasky to the house of correction at Hertford, for not having securities for his good behaviour and having been heard to say, after being apprehended, "that the late plott went on verie finely; whoever was the occasion of whipping of him would within one fortnight be whipped themselves, and in case he was hanged there would in a very short time come souldiers that would hang them all." (See also 306).

222. 2 February. Recognizances of Samuell Tuffnall and John

North, constables, of Tewin, to appear and answer for their neglect and contempt of the order of sessions in not presenting all recusants and "absenters" from church.

224. Recognizance of Thomas Hatton, of Hartingfordbury, to appear and answer for unlawfully chasing and driving a red deer out of a wood belonging to James, Earl of Salisbury, and for "shooting off and discharging a hand gun at the said deere."

237. Recognizance of Nathaniell Foard, of Ware, chandler and constable of Ware, and Humphrey Ives, of the same, barge master, for the former to appear and answer his neglect in not making hue and cry after one John Kinnare, a soldier in Capt. Lawder's company, who committed murder on John Williamson, drummer in the same company at Ware.

249. 14 Jan. Presentments of John Blake, William Blake, and Jonathan King, of "Bovington," for absenting themselves from the parochial chapel for three Sundays following. Presentment of Thomas Winters, of Barkhamsteed St. Peters, "for annoying the King's way by the church there with straw . . . soe it is not passable for carts." Presentment of Phillip Tompson, of "Bovington," for absenting himself from his parish church for a month.

253. 8 April. Presentment of Thomas Bowyer, of Buntingford Westmill, in Hertfordshire, for stopping up and enclosing a piece of the common highway at or near a place there called Coles, leading from Buntingford towards Minden and Hertford, containing in length about eighty poles, by setting up pales and by hedging and ditching the same.

Presentments of Mary Barber and Richard Allen, of Sandon, and Hugh Tay, of Essendon, for selling beer without a license.

264. Indictment of Richard Metcalfe and Aliph Ayres for not enclosing a pond in the parish of Reed, in or near the high way there, next to their tenements.

275. Indictment of Jeremia Pilgrim, the elder, of Braughin, "malster," for entering the close of James Goulston, esquire, being twelve acres of land, at Barkway, in a field called

Millfield, and trampling on and consuming the growing grain there with his cattle, and digging up, overturning, and spoiling his soil.

276, 279, & 280. Indictments of John Goodwyn, Robert Goodin, and Thomas Green, all of Stondon, on a similar charge.

300. Indictment of Stephen Dixon, of Standon, yeoman, for using there a common instrument of gaming called a lottery, for his gain, and playing with the same with divers unknown persons.

307. 3 Dec. The examination of John Totham before Alexander Welde, "as a vagrant and taken up at Ware." The said Totham deposed that he had lived in and about London for a long time "to gett learninge att the schooles there, and att length was taken upp in the streets by those people that are called kidnappers, and being putt on shipboard for a certaine time, hee made his escape from there" and was trying to reach his birthplace, Skipton-upon-Craven in Yorkshire, being destitute of means.

308. Information by Alexander Welde that John Gardiner did inform him that George Knitstall said "that if he would not give him leave to take game in his manor he would take leave; and that he preferred to serve him with partidges in his house at 8d. per piece, and that he, the said George Knitstall, did say he did not care a straw for all the justices."

310 & 313. Information of John Pricklove as to Henry Warren, of Hatfield, carrier, for using a travelling wagon with "six horses in length." True Bill.

317. Petition of Thomas Coulson, of Weston, yeoman, for the reimbursement of the money he has expended in, and for funds to carry on the charge against William Underwood, of Weston, of discontinuing the gift of forty shillings to the poor of Weston, payable at Easter, yearly, granted by his ancestor, Thomas Underwood. Petitioner, with William Watson and others, preferred a bill in chancery, and the case is ready for hearing, but is delayed for want of means to carry it on. (See No. 366).

319. Petition of John Briggs, of Standon, and Mary, his wife, to the justices of the peace for Hertford :—"Humbly sheweth: That the said Mary, his wife, whilest she was a widdow before her intermarriage with the said John, was licensed by the justices of the peace of this county to sell drinke at Standon aforesaid; and that by reason of the good orders shee kept in her house, and the goodness of the drinke shee uttered and sold she got a good livelyhood, and brought up three children she had by a former husband. That about two yeares agoe she intermarryed with the said John Briggs, who then was, and yet is, woodard and servant to the right honourable Walter, Lord Ashton, and that since their marryage they have been licensed, and that shee, the said Mary, hath used the selling of drinke as formerly, but especially out of doors, and have behaved themselves so well that they have had the love and goodwill of most of the parishioners of Standon. That the last sessions the said John Briggs, being returned for a papish recusant, appearing but not taking the oathes of alegiance and supremacy, was bound over with others to appeare att this present sessions; but in regard the said John Briggs refused to take the said oaths, the court thought fitt to suppress their alehouse, but before the order was served uppon them for suppressing of it or that shee knew it, she had paid to the exciseman all the excise for all her last brewing and thought to have gone forward with the selling the drinke for which she had so paid the excise, but is prevented by the sayd order, by reason of which she loses much of that which before conduced to the maintenance of her and her children. And if her trade of selling of drinke be taken from her shee and her children will be lieably (*sic*) to fall to great poverty and want.

"Now in regard, he the said John Briggs is employed by the Lord Ashton in his affaires and business as his servant and meddles not with his wife's trade of victualling and selling drinke, but that the same was taken up solely by her in her widdowhood, and since continuewed by her for the maintenance of her and her children by her former husband, but now being putt downe by the default of her present

husband to the undoeing of her and her children by her former husband.

"The petitioners humbly pray that the said Mary may proceed and be restored to sell drinke as heretofore, she keeping good order, and it being for the maintenance of her and her children."

Certificate by the parishioners and inhabitants of Standon aforesaid:—They "humbly testifye that the said John Briggs is a peaceable man and followes his imployment under the Lord Ashton; and that the said Mary, his wife, hath always behaved herselfe very well in the manageing of her trade of selling drinke and hath always kept very good order in her house and from her trade hath always mayneteyned herselfe and her children very well, and wee doe conceive her a very fitt woman to continue in the said calling if your worships shall thinke well of it and be pleased that shee may soe doe." Numerous signatures are attached.

320. Petition of the parishioners of St. John's, Hertford, that as "uplanders," they may not be compelled to contribute towards the relief of the poor within the borough of Hertford, and especially towards the relief of certain poor persons sent from the borough to the public pest-house which "belongs to the whole borough and towne of Hertford, but stands out of the towne in the parish of St. John's," and whom they are therefore compelled to maintain.

321. John Randall and Edward Durrant versus the parishioners of Wigginton. Statement that about a year ago John Beeson, of Wigginton, was tenant of a cottage there, and on being ejected therefrom through poverty, he begged the parish to harbour him, with his wife and family. On being refused, they were obliged to lie under a hedge, whereupon a neighbour consented to admit him to a part of his cottage provided he would put up a chimney in it so that it would be made a double dwelling. But having no means for the purpose the said Beeson applied to Sir R. Anderson and Thomas Werdon, justices, who instructed the plaintiffs to build a chimney, costing about 30s., which the parishioners refused to pay for.

331. Certificate of some of the inhabitants of Hitchin, "that the Queene's Majestie being seised of the Mannor of Hitchin, aforesaid, with the appurtenances for her life, to which Mannor the benefitt of pickage and stallage and some other profitts ariseing out of, and by the markett of Hitchin, aforesaid, doth belong, and the tennants of the said pickage and stallage have time out of mind of man accustomed to make cleane the markett hill there every weeke, and to carry all the straw and dirt from thence to a certain place called the laystall, lyeing towards the south-east parte of the markett place of Hitchin, aforesaid, and once in every two months successively to clense and carry away all the straw, dirt and dounge from the said place called the Laystall, into the feilds of Hitchin aforesaid, and that William Herd, of Hitchin, aforesaid, yeoman, who hath been tennant of the pickage and stallage for severall years last past," has kept the said market place and Laystall in good order and in accordance with the above.

340. 11 Jan. Letter from Thomas Richards to John Chauncey :— "I have here enclosed sent you a recognaissance, there is two shillings due to me for the recognaissance, pray take it for me. The prosecutor will be there. I have also sent you back the declaration against Rilands, for Mr Lomax refuses to receive it. I think you had better arrest Rilands with a ticket in our corporation and there you will have special bail, for he is such a miserable poor fellow that he will not be able to satisfy the charge of a suit in law, which is to be tried at the assizes."

365. Account of Francis Harvy, constable of Bengeo, to be paid by the parish of Thundridge : —

	£	s.	d.
For carrying the woman to be buried	0	2	0
For double fees for burying of her	0	6	0
For the blanket she was wrapped in	0	2	0
For nursing the child five weeks	0	10	0
For the advice of a physician	0	1	0
For carrying the child to Thundridg	0	0	6
For the orders	0	7	0

	£	s.	d.
For burying the child	0	3	0
For four days of the constables attending this business	0	4	0
Total	£1	15	6

378. The rates of servants' wages :—

	£	s.	d.
Plowmen, first rancke	00	6	00
Second rancke	00	5	00
Horsekeepers, first sort	00	3	00
Second sort	00	2	00
Taskers, first sort, per ann. with meat and drink	06	13	04
At weekly wages	00	05	00
Second sort	05	10	00
At weekely wages	00	04	10
Shephards, first sorte, per ann.	05	00	00
At weekely wages	00	04	00
Second sorte	03	10	00
At weekely wages	00	03	04
Menial servants—men, per ann.	05	00	00
Youths	02	10	00
Woemen, first sort	03	00	00
Second sort	02	00	00
Labourers at large and first sort, per ann. ...	05	00	00
Second sort	04	00	00
Carpenters, first sort, per diem	00	01	10
Second sort	00	01	06
Third sort	00	01	00
Bricklayers, first sort, per diem	00	01	10
Second sort	00	01	06
Third sort	00	01	00
Taylors and all artificers with meate and drinke per diem, first sort	00	00	08
Without	00	01	02

378a. April. Higglers and badgers not renewing their licenses this Easter sessions:—Thomas Peele, of Aldbury, higler; William Stainer, of Little Gadsden, higgler; Robert Wood, of Bushey, badger; Edward Bourne, of Barkhamsteed St.

Peter, badger; Thomas Winch, of the same, badger; William Deacon, of King's Langley, badger; John Godman, of Hampsteed, badger; Richard Stubbins, of Tring, badger; William Sumner, of the same, badger; Edward Attwood, of Barkhamsteed, higgler; Thomas Grover, of the same, higgler; Henry Smith, of Hampsteed, higgler; Tho. Osborne, of Caddington, higgler; John Seely, of Barkhamsteed, higgler.

379-399. Lists of grand juries, chief constables, etc.

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408. 18 June. Warrant to the constable of Wormly for the levying of distress for the sum of five shillings upon the goods and chattels of Henry Pank, Thomas Gentle, and Jane Bouts, the wives of the two former and the latter having been present at a conventicle held at the house of the said Henry Pank, in the parish of Wormley, at which "were assembled five persons over and besides those of the family of the said Henry Pank, contrary to the statute in that case made and provided." (See also No. 664).

428. 28 June. Recognizance of Robert Worthington, of Wormly, fellmonger, to appear and answer for neglecting to execute several warrants for levying penalties under the Act for suppressing seditious conventicles.

429. 8 July. Recognizances of Richard Gunn, victualler, John Throughgood, innkeeper, and John Skeg, smith, all of Baldock, for the first named to appear and answer the charges of Ralph Jackson, excise gauger.

450. 13 Jan. Presentments of Thomas Phipps, of Pellham; Elizabeth Gaine, of Anstey; Anne Toogood, of the same; John Skenner, of Albury; and William Horewood, of Reed; "for not coming to Church by the space of three Lord's daies last past."

451. 13 Jan. Presentment that two stiles "lying in the footpath between Waltham Crosse and Cheshunt Church" are out of repair, and ought to be repaired by John Soale and John Miles. (See No. 477).

452. 13 Jan. Presentments of William Gowing, of Harpenden; —— Belson, of Hartingfordbury; Edward Halsey, of Great Gadson, and John Countesse, of Whethamstead; "for not coming to Church by the space of three Lord's daies last past."

453. 13 Jan. Presentment that [the] New River bridge, a foot-bridge in Brookfeild in the parish of Cheshunt, is very dangerous for the want of reparation, and that "the Company of New River men" ought to repair it.

"Ye highway at Puckridge out of repaire conteyning 20 poles in length, and that the inhabitants of Standon and Braughin ought to repaire it, surveyors to be presented by H. Chauncey Esq., one of his Majestie's justices of the peace." (See No. 473).

454. 20 April. Presentment of Alce Hellham, of Hunsdon, widow, for erecting a cottage upon the Lord's wast.

456. 20 April. Presentment of "Elizabeth Williams, alias Parsely, of Watton, for following the trade of a baker, not being an apprentice seaven yeares." Presentments of Nicholas Ring, and William Bates, of Cheshunt, silkweaver; Anthony and Edward Fage, William and Joseph Burr, and Thomas Scales, of Baldock, "for not coming to church for the space of three Lord's daies last past."

457. 20 April. Presentments of Hen. Hewlat, and Mary, his wife, of Wideall, James Shearman and his wife, and John Noarth and his wife, of Toteridge, George Etterige, Christopher Baittman, and John Bangs, of Layston, "for absenting themselves from church three Sabbath days."

461. 14 July. Presentments of William Staley and Thomas Nutting, the wife of John Dale, the wife of Mathew Row, George Parsons, John Briggs, and Samuel Rudd, of Standon, "for not coming to church three Sundays;" of Francis Dellow and John Martin, of Ware, "for refusing to watch, being warned by the constable;" of Thomas Gates, of Widford, "for refusing to pay the constable's rate;" of William Odell and Michael Watts, of "Thundrice," Thomas Lowen, of Wormley; John Fisher, of Hoddesdon; William

Wallby and Peter Williams, of Buntingford Westmill, "for not coming to church three Sundays;" of Robert Boreham, of Amwell, "for takeing other men's sheepe and giveing of them private markes and putting them out to keepe as his owne," (See No. 511); and of Robert Nicholls for receiving these sheep, knowing the same to be stolen. (See No. 513).

463. 6 October. Presentment of Thomas Hall, of Barkeamsted St. Peters, "for not watching being duely warned." Presentment that "a footpath much out of repair, lying in the parish of Bovingdon, between Winckfeild Lane and Bonebridge, and which the said parish of Bovingdon ought to repair, conteyning 40 poles in length."

464. 6 October. Presentment that the highway leading from Willion to Hitchin adjoyning to Letchworth Hedge and Kimberles, which ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Winkley Magna, containing half-a-mile in length and 4 poles in breadth." (See No. 518).

465. Presentment of Anthony Slyter, of Cheshunt, "for not repaireing a bridge, being a common church path." (See No. 529).

467. Presentment of John Petchey, gentleman, of Sabridgworth, "for arecting a cotteg in Gelson contrarey to lawe, not having 4 akeres of free houlde land to it."

469. Presentment of the inhabitants of Standon and Braughin for not repairing the common highway in a place called Puckeridge Street, containing in length twenty perches, and in width half a perch.

473. Indictment of John Bickerton, of Chesthunt, laborer, as servant of the company of New River men, for not repairing a bridge called New River bridge in Brook Field in the said parish.

475. Indictment of John Hall, of Aldebury, labourer, for refusing to assist William Horne, the headborough of Aldebury, in conveying a vagrant thence to the next town.

476 & 477. Indictment of John Miles and John Sole, both of Chesthunt, for not repairing a stile there, in a way leading from Waltham Crosse to Cheshunt Church. (See No. 451).

497. Indictment of William Layman and William Warwick, both of Chesthunt, labourers, for severally receiving inmates with their families.

511. Indictment of Robert Boreham, of Amwell, husbandman, for taking and marking the sheep of divers unknown persons, and "putting them out to keep" as his own property. (See No. 461).

513. Indictment of Robert Nicholls, of the town of Hertford, for knowingly receiving from Robert Boreham, sheep, fraudulently marked by him as his own. (See No. 461).

517. Indictment of Robert Humberston, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for "hunting and chasing" with dogs within the warren of Sir John Munson, knight, bailiff and baronet, at Broxbourne, and taking divers rabbits, by means of snares.

518. Indictment of the inhabitants of Great Wimondly for not repairing the common highway there leading from Willyan to Hitchin, adjoining a place called Letchworth hedges and Kimberlee, containing in length 160 perches and in breadth four perches. (See No. 464.)

529. Presentment that a footbridge in the parish of Chesthunt, in length one perch and in breadth half a perch, in a footpath leading to Cheshunt Church, is in decay, and that Anthony Slyter, of Chesthunt, ought to repair the same. Endorsed, "Bill of Errer." (See No. 465).

537. Jan. Order of sessions that the Lady Glascock, wife of Sir William Glascock, of Bushy, and Elizabeth Durant, her waiting gentlewoman, reported to be Popish recusants, should appear before the justices of the peace and "take the Oaths of Allegiance and supremacy as the law requires, and further to enter into recognizances with sufficient suertyes to keepe the peace and to bee of the good behaviour untill the next general quarter sessions." (Also Nos. 538, 540).

544. "To ye constables, churchwardens, headboroughs, and other parish officers of Hadham Magna.

"By virtue of an order of sessions holden by his Majestie's justices of the peace at Hertford the thirteenth day of this

present January, These are therefore to charg and command you and everyone of you forthwith to make diligent search and enquiry in all houses within your said parish and hambletts thereunto belonging, and there take an exact account of the names and surnames of all such persons as are popish recusants or reputed so to be, as well householders as lodgers and servants and every of them, and to make a present list of the names, age, and quality of all such persons being of the age of sixteen yeers and upwards, and to deliver such list to the said justices at Hertford at the sessions house there by nine of the clock in the forenoone on Saturday next, being the eighteenth day of this instant January. That they thereupon maye be summoned before the said justices to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy according to law. And further you and every one of you are commanded to disarme all popish recusants and all others as are papish or justly suspected so to be, and to give the said justices an account thereof at the said time and place. Dated the fourteenth day of January, 1679.

ROBERT LEADMAN."

On the dorse.—"The constable of Great Hadham aforesaid do certify that I have no popish recusants in the said parish."

Similar warrants and returns occur for other parts of the county. (Nos. 543 to 663.)

618. Jan. 18. List of papish recusants returned by the constable of Standon :—

"Francis Hinde, gentleman, aged about 57 yeares.

George Parson, gentleman, aged about 70 yeares.

Servants.

Francis Crispe, aged about 70 yeares.

Oliver Leigh, aged about 23 yeares.

Two mayd servants both under 15 yeares old, as they say.

Armes taken from Stondon Lordship, only those that belong unto the county troops.

Servants.

Mathew Roe and Mary, his wife, aged about 52.

Anthony Harwood, aged about 18.
Jane Baker, aged about 23.
William Newport, of Plashes, aged about 58.
Mary Newport, his wife, aged about 59.
John Briggs, aged 37.
Katharine, wife of John Dale, aged 41."

635. List of papish recusants in the parish of Cheshunt:—
"Robert Towers, lieutenant-collonell.
Charles Deverton and Gloud (*sic*) Miliar:
Servants to the said collonell belonging to the Lord Douglasses' Regiment.
William Gourden, leiuetent.
Charles Browney, leiuetent.
Robt. Erwin, leiuetent.
Willm. Leon, leiuetent.
William Holyberton, leiuetent.
These five belong to the Lord Douglasse aforesaid.
Alexander Fleming, leiuetent, belonging to the Duke of Monmouth.
Collonell Scott, as they say to the same."
"They doe assure me that within the space of a very few dayes as soon as they shall receive their mony to discharge their present quarters they will imediately remove."

661. List of papish recusants returned by the constable and other officers of Hartingfordbury:—
Mr. Belson, } houskeepers.
Mrs. Belson, }
Mrs. Bridat Belson, }
Mrs. Katherine Belson, } daughters.
Mrs. Francis Kightley, }
Mrs. Mary Kightley, }
Elizabeth Smith, servant.

671. Letter from Fra. Leigh to J. Chauncey. January the 11th:—
"I am detained this sessions from waiting on you by some unlooked for business, otherwise I should not have given you this trouble. You will find one Mathew Parish sent by me to goale brought before you for stealing of wheate. I have sent the party to whom he sold it to witness against

him. Pray let that witness be thoroughly purged, not only to the matter of fact but also to the prisoner's manner of life. I know he will be unwilling to speake, but I desire he may put upon it. I doe assure you, Sir, the prisoner is an idle, lewd, dissolute fellow, one who when the soldiers came first into this parish to quarter joined himselfe a companion to some of the worst of them and carried them about the country (being better acquainted with it) and stole the neighbour's poultry. He has already bin convicted of stealing fruit and fruit bedds and other such small offences and punished accordingly; which made me rather choose to send him to receave publick correction from you than whip him here at home. I shall leave it wholly to your discretion and beg pardon for this trouble.

My service to your brother, Mr. Hen. Chancey."

675. Jan. 17th. Letter from J. Docwra to Mr. Chancey concerning one, Bennet Collison, who is indicted for "withholding a booke of the constables accounts from the present constable," and stating that "he did nothing in it but by my express order, there being such extravagant accounts in that booke that both myself and others of the best interest in the parish were not willing it should be longer made use of as a precedent by the succeeding constables." He requests the said Collison's discharge, and states the concurrance of Sir Humphrey Gore with the request.

680. 11th July. Letter from H. Chancey to Mr. John Chancey concerning Mr. Edward Wilford, of Cheshunt, who is bound over to appear at the sessions "for striking his maide servant two blowes with a small switch over the backe for some misdemeanor against him, and if there be no more in it I conceive tis justifiable for a master to correct his servant with a small switch, for that is a lawfull weapon in law, and of this opinion is Mr. Dalton and severall other lawyers."

690. January 13th. "A bill of meturall and work at the Taylors ward at Buntingford :—

"Item for 76 foot of ground selling at 6*d*. ye foot 1*l*. 18*s*. 0*d*.

For the workmanship in laying in the ground selling at 3½*d.* the foot	1*l.*	2*s.*	2*d.*
For 2 new doores and iron work for them ...	0*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
For timber and work in repayering ye windows	0*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
For boords and work to mend the hall flour ..	0*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
For work and timber in mending ye rouff of the hous	1*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*
For making 2 pentises at the south end of the hous	1*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*
For nayles for ye carpinters work	0*l.*	10*s.*	6*d.*
For hart lath and *panes* lath	1*l.*	13*s.*	6*d.*
For 12 poll and ½ of 5 foot palling at 13*s.* 4*d.* ye poll	8*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
For 7 poll of 4 foot palling at 11*s.* ye poll ...	3*l.*	17*s.*	0*d.*
The sum is	21*l.*	8*s.*	10*d.*
Item for 500 of brikes	0*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
For 1600 of tilles	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
For 12 quarters of lime	2*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
For 3 quarters of hair...	0*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
For 2 load of sand and 2 load of clay ...	0*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
For 50 pavin tilles	0*l.*	8*s.*	4*d.*
For the caridge of lime and brikes	0*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
For lath nayles and tille pins...	0*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
For the bricklayers workmanship in rouff casting the south end of the hous and mendin the tiling and the chimdey and the underpining and plaster in the walls and tiling the 2 new pentises and making a new oven	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
The sum is	10*l.*	11*s.*	0*d.*
	21*l.*	8*s.*	10*d.*
The totall sum... ...	31*l.*	19*s.*	10*d.*

Thomas Dane and Richard Dane, carpinters.
John Gillbey, bricklayer."

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8. Recognizance for the appearance of Luke Cook to answer a charge brought against him by Edward Ashby, and Elizabeth, his wife, concerning some seditious words spoken by him.

18. Memorandum. On the 30th January, 1679, during the time of divine service, Jeremy Potter, of Barkhampsted St Peter, spoon-maker, with several others coursed and killed a hare with two greyhounds, within his Majesty's honour and manor of Barkhamsted, on the demesne lands thereof, viz., that part of them called the Castle Feild, which are in the present occupation of Mordeci Herron, under tenant to John Sayer, esquire, who has a lease of the said lands from the Crown, and has also power granted by his Majesty either by himself or deputy to preserve the game in and about the said manor. A true bill against him returned by the grand jury.

20. Presentment of Edward Papworth, of Ipolletts, miller, for keeping up the water and letting it down in great quantities, so that it overflows the meads, highways, and houses of Hitchin.

22. Presentment of the hamlet of Walsaw, in the parish of Hitchin, "for not repairing the causey over the common in Walsaw, which is the church way and market way." (See No. 39).

23. Presentments of John North, of "Weitemsted," for digging a chalk pit in the highway leading from Chiltons [Green] to St. Albans, "which is very dangerous;" of George Campkin, the elder, and Edward Campkin, the younger, of the parish of Watton, for taking in a "headin peac," which lies in a common field called by the name of Haiden; of Robert Naish, of Benington, for taking in a "headin peace" lying in a common (*sic*) called Smithbery.

26. Presentment that the highway in Puckeridge Street between the Crowne Inn and the Bell Inn, three poles in length, is out of repair.

28. Presentments of the parish of Standon for not repairing the highway leading from Ridersmead [?] to Colliers End; of the parish of Buntingford Westmill for not repairing the highway from the "Three Ockes" to New Bridge; and of William Cockerill, of Cheshunt, "for keeping a bull dog and letting him go loose, whereby he has bitten a child in the face and almost spoiled the child."

39. Indictment of the inhabitants of the hamlet of Wallsoe, in the parish of Hitchin, for not repairing a causey leading over the common there towards the town of Hitchin, and being the common way to the church and market of Hitchin. (See No. 22).

40. Indictment of the same for not mending and cleansing a brook in the parish of Hitchin.

42. Indictment of John Barfoote, of Hitchin, husbandman, for entering the close of Nicholas Marshall, at Ippollitts, called Challcroft Field, and wasting the same with his cattle.

50. April. Order at sessions relating to Wadesmill Bridge, "which was lately built at the great charge of the county," and "is now fallen to decay, and it is supposed by the defect of the building thereof, that John Crofte, the workman that undertook it did not build according to his agreement." The matter is referred to Sir John Monson, knight and bart., Sir John Gore, knight, and others. (Document torn and portion missing).

51. July. Order at sessions that Sir John Monson, knt. of the bath and bart., Sir Benjamin Maddox, Sir Thomas Byde, knt., Sir William Glascock, knt., Henry Monson, esq., Richard Harrison, esq., Phillip Mitchell, esq., and Alexander Weld, esq., be appointed to supervise the repairing of Nunns bridge, for which the inhabitants of the county stand indicted.

52. Warrant charging the chief constables of the hundreds of Edwinstry and Odsey to make a return of all such persons in their parishes "who are Papists or so reputed" to the justices of the peace at the Glove and Dolphin Inn, in Hertford, and for the constable of Furnix Pelham to

apprehend John Newport, of the same place, so that he may take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. (See Nos. 53 and 66 for similar warrants to the constables, &c., of various hundreds and other parishes).

67. 11th Feb. Certificate by Tho. Draper, minister of Redbourne, to the justices of the peace.

That John Wogan, of Redbourne, a licenced schoolmaster, "hath received the sacrament . . . and hath heard divine service and sermons severall times, and that he hath had all his children baptized, and has had such of them as died buried according to the liturgy of the Church of England, and that I have by me a letter under his own hand upon the discovery of the late damnable popish plot, wherein he declares his relinquishment of Popery, and to be guided by me in all matters belonging to his soul."

68-195. Certificates by the constables of various parishes in the county as to papists found. The only places in which such persons are returned are:—

90. 13th February. Return of the constable of Furnex Pelham. "We return Francis Downes and Bridget, his wife, reputed papists. We cannot apprehend John Newport, esquire, of our parish. We have been several times at the place of his dwelling, and his mother doth inform us that he is not at home."

105. 14th Feb. Warrant signed by R. Spencer, Ben. Maddox, J. Gore, John Watts, H. Gore, Wil. Lytton, and Richard Harrison, to the constables of Harpenden, for the arrest of William Garven, "a very dangerous person," whom the said constables had failed to arrest under a *previous warrant* by vertue for a commission for the swearing of certain papists. (See also Nos. 122 and 149).

145. 14th February. Return of the constables of Stondon that the following papists are within the precincts of the parish:—

Francis Hinde, the younger.

Oliver Leigh.
Francis Crispe.
John Brigges.
Anthony Harwood.
Mary, the wife of Matthew Roe, or Rod.
Jane Baker.
Katherine, wife of John Dale.

(See No. 150).

148. 27th February. Return of the constables of Furnex Pelham.

"We have warned John Newport, esquire, of our parish to appear before the justices at the sign of the Glove and Dolphin, in Hertford, on the 28th inst. We have made diligent search and inquiry for Francis Downes, and Bridget, his wife, and the place of their residence, and they are not to be found."

149. 28th February. Return of the constables and hedborough of Harpenden. "We have used our best endeavours to apprehend Mr. Gawen, but *non est inventur.*"

150. 28th February. Return of the constable of Stondon relating to popish recusants. The names of those that are not in the parish at present:—

Walter, Lord Aston.
Mr. Parson.
Francis Hinde, the elder.
do. the younger.
Oliver Lee.

The names of those that are warned:—

John Briggs.
Anthony Harwood.
Mary, wife of Mathew Rod or Roe.
Katherine, the wife of John Dale (lying in).
Jane Baker.

(See No. 145).

151. Return of the constable of North Mimms. "I have made enquiry after Bassill, esquire, and weare

at his house, but not finding him at home nor any of his family but servants, I could not proceed any further."

162. Return of the constable of Hertingfordbury that there are no papists in his "constablewick." "As for the body of John Belson, esquire, hee's not to be found here, but is gone into France about eight weeks since."

197. 10th January. Medical certificate "that Samuell Gregorie, of Barkhamstead St. Peter, husbandman, labours of the falling sickness, and often falls booth into fire and water, and neither goeth to market nor faire further than the said towne where he lives unlesse some person goeth to looke to him."

199. Certificate by John Croft that having examined Wardsmill bridge, in pursuance of an order of sessions, he finds that the defects are not due to its being badly built—for "the brickwork was sound with well-burned bricks and good mortar, and joynted with tarrice, well wrought"—but to the "fierceness of two waters which meet at the point of one peire with such violence that it forced up the ground so deep till it had quite undermined the founda'ion that one part sank down right about a foot, and caused two of the arches to crack and sink." And that he estimates the cost of repairing it at £20. He further certifies that he has fulfilled his articles in building the bridge and keeping it in repair for three years, and says that he knows "there be many gentlemen of this honourable bench that are well acquainted with the violence of such waters, and that such exigences many times fall out where worke is very well done."

208. 10 July. Holborn. Letter from Sir Henry Chauncey to his brother, Mr. John Chauncey, at Hertford. "To be left at the post house in Ware . . . post paid 2d.:"—

"I designed to have been at your sessions on Monday next, but am prevented by reason I was this day disappointed of my passage by the coach so that you must read the charge. Mr. Sayer was with me to intreat you to take

care of an indictment brought against a porcher (*sic*) for destroying the game in his parish of Barkhamsted, and he is much concerned in it, therefore I desire you to take care the same be not discharged upon a submission with a small penalty but may be compelled to traverse and to pay such penalty as the statute inflicts. I did write to Mr. Seward concerning the sale of Meager's house, but he wrote an answer that he had sould it to Smart, and he believed that Smart would sell the same againe, but being not positive the treasurer of the hospitall put off his journey which he designed on Monday last, therefore I intreat you to enquire of Smart whether he will sell, and at what price, and let me know the same on Monday next, for according to your letter the governor will come this next week to see it, and will buy the same if he can agree with him, therefore it will be a kindness to speed your answer to me at the Black Horse, an apothecarys shop against Graye's Inn Gate in Holborne.

"My wife and I prevent our service to you and sister." (See also No. 209).

213. 16 October. Receipt for £30 0s. 0d. for the repairs of Waredsmill bridge and Nunn's bridge, received of Mr. Chauncey by John Croft.

216. Mr. Goulston's account given in at the sessions: "Disbursment for the repairs of—

Buntingford bridge	03	02	03
Braughin fore bridge	01	19	01
New bridge...	08	11	06
New bridge now disbursed	15	15	09
Buntingford bridge again...	00	10	06
Braughin fore bridge again	08	02	02
The same again	04	14	06
The same again	02	05	10
Paid for Thomas Perry for work done in the highway	02	04	00
More to be paid to the said Thomas Perry for work upon the highway	10	00	00
	£57	05	07

Only £12 4s 0d. of this bill to be allowed Mr. Goulston out of the toll money, the rest being £45 1s. 7d. to be paid him out of the bridge money."

219. 8 Sept. Memorandum by Sir Benjamin Maddox, Henry Monson, Richard Harrison, and Phillip Michell, justices of the peace, that they have bargained with John Croft, bricklayer, to make good all the bricks in the stonework of Nunn's bridge "with well-burned bricks and good mortar." That he shall "whorfe" the bridge one brick and-a-halfe thick, sixteen foote in length from each end both sides, further than the rails now stand, and also fix a plank of 2 inches thick on the bridge from one end of the wharf to the other and on both sides, and alsoe to gravell the same as far as the brick work extends, and also to nail plates of iron on and over jointe the rails that now stand. That John Croft is to receive "the sume of fifteen pounds" when the work is finished.

It is further agreed that John Croft "shall cramp with iron the crowne of the arch of the said bridge, that he shall fix so many posts and ankers on the bridge as shall be sufficient to fix the plank substantiall and well for the better keeping up of the gravell." And that the work is to be finished before the third day of October, and that John Croft shall keep it in repair for three years.

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233. Warrant to the constables of the parish of "Much Haddam" for the arrest of Thomas Finch and William Cristy. Recites that "Walter, Lord Assin [Ashton], hath lost out of his parke, in the parish of Stondon, two deere belonging to the said parke, and that the persons that tooke and carried away the said deere are one, Thomas Finch, of your parish, barber, and William Cristy, servant to one, Mr. Stracey, of the same parish."

245. Recognizance for the appearance of John Spencer to answer for being "an idle, dissolute and lewd fellow, refuseing to put himselfe out to service, liveth and spendeth high, keeping many horses, and not having any visible means to do the same."

251. Recognizance for the appearance of Richard King, of Buntingford, "to give satisfaction to the court concerning the unlawful beating and abuses offered to William Sell, his late apprentice, which fact being represented to Richard Goulston and Edward Chester, two justices of the peace for the county, was thought fit to be discharged his apprenticeship, with a return of the consideration given with him by his parents."

267. Recognizance for the appearance of John Shirwood to answer in court to a bill of indictment preferred against him by Sir Humphrey Gore, concerning two bucks stolen out of the park of the said Sir Humphrey Gore. (See Nos. 270 and 273).

270. Recognizance for the appearance of John Ledgard to declare in the court what he knows concerning two bucks stolen out of the park of Sir Humphrey Gore. (See Nos. 267 and 273).

273. Recognizance for the appearance of Hugh Parnell, of Great Hadham, to answer in court a bill of indictment preferred against him by Sir Humphrey Gore, concerning two bucks stolen out of the park of the said Sir Humphrey Gore. (See Nos. 267 and 270).

275. Recognizance for the appearance of Tho. Finch, of Great Hadham, to answer concerning the stealing of a deer out of Lord Aston's [Ashton's] park. (See No. 233).

279. 27 June. The examination of Edward Ashwell, of Ware, husbandman:—

The deponent says that on the 2nd day of June, "being Stortford faire day" about nine or ten o'clock in the morning, William Heard, the son of John Heard, of Ware, tailor; William Gardner, of Ware, labourer; and William Martyn, of Ware, labourer; came to the deponent and requested him to go along with them to Hadham. The deponent asked "whether to any alehouse, they answered noe." The deponent asked whether then? ——— Heard replied "to Esquire Bernerd, his parke, for to fetch a deere. Then this deponent answered he could not goe nor did goe, so William Heard desired this deponent to lend him a slipp to lead one

of his dogges which dogg was the dogg of Thomas Bird, of Ware, aforesaid, esq. The said William Gardener did tell the deponent that he and William Heard and William Martyn did, the same night, take a deer, which they carried to the house of Affable Yardley, at Widford Mill, and that, the next day, a glover of Hertford, one ——— Edwards, bought the skin of the said deer which the said miller, of Widford, carried to the glover."

282. Presentments of Jonah King, of Tilsworth, in co. "Bedforth," butcher, "for selling unwholsome and stinking meat in the market of Hemel Hempstead;" of the parish of Reede for not repairing the highways between the woods in the road leading from Buckland to Reede Mill; and that the highway in the parish of Hatfield near the town, and leading from Hatfield to St. Albans, is out of repair for 100 poles.

283. 9 July. Presentment to the justices of the peace at Hertford:—

"Wee the inhabitants of Wormely in the county of Hertford doe present Thomas Boreham, of Wormely, for keeping bad fences and for being troublesome to his neighbours."

284. 9 July. Similar presentment of Thomas Casse.

285. Presentments that the highway leading from Puckeridge to Wardsmill, in the parish of Standon, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the parish of Standon; of James Campe, of Barkway, for making three dangerous ditches in the highway leading from Wyddyall towards Barkway-in-the-Moore, in the parish of Standon.

286. Presentment of Edward Halsey, of Lawrence Ayott, for refusing to take the oath of a constable.

287. Presentments of Richard Wey, of Letchworth, for erecting a cottage in a common field called Middle Field, in the parish of Wymondley Magna, and not laying 21 acres of land to it; of George Campkin and Edward Campkin, of Watton, for enclosing a piece of land lying in a common field called Heydon, in the parish of Bennington, "by reason whereof waies and watercourses are stopped;" of Robert Nash, of Bennington, for enclosing a piece of land lying in a common field called Snidburrough, in the parish of Aston.

289. Presentment of Roger Herst, of Cambridge, waggoner, "for going with more than five horses in a waggin" contrary to the act.

290. Presentments made at the Christmas sessions, 1681, by the grand jury, of certain of the inhabitants of Cheshunt, for not paying a rate made for reimbursing George Hammond for repairing the almshouses in Cheshunt :—

	£	s.	d.
Henry Hill	00	00	11
John Palmer	00	05	06
Wm. Warricke	00	03	10
Eliz. Booth, widow	00	02	09
John Cordle, cowleach	00	02	06
Captain Wm. Disher	00	01	06

291. Presentment of "a common shore [sewer] not being cleared and a footbridge for not being repaired, the footbridge going over the same common shore, lying in Waltham Cross, commonly called Bucklersbury shore." To be repaired by the parish.

295. Presentments that a footbridge going over a water-sluce at Puckridge Barrs, leading from Puckeridge to Collier's End is broken down and ought to be repaired; and of Henry How, of Yardley, weaver, for not attending church, for [not?] bearing arms in the county trained bands, and for refusing to take the oaths of allegiance, &c.

296. Presentment of William Nash, of Wellwyn, husbandman, for erecting a cottage on the highway leading to Hatfield adjoyning to the late land of Captain Wyngate, without having 4 acres of land to lay to it according to the statute.

301. Indictment of William Bennett, of Hertford, currier, and Andrew Bray, of the same, tanner, "for that they did trace, destroy, and kill two hares in the snow with greyhounds and other means."

302. Indictment of Edward Habwood, one of the constables of Little Ayott, for refusing to execute a warrant for the arrest of John Roberts.

303. Indictment of Henry Hamond, of Widford, husbandman, for leaving the court without leave, having been sworn as a "jurman" at Hertford quarter sessions.

304. Indictment of William Hive, late of Cotterid, victualler, for keeping evil rule in his house, and for permitting drinking there during the hours of divine service.

310. Indictment of Jona King, of Tilsworth, co. Bedford, butcher, for selling unwholesome beef, veal, and mutton, at Hempsted.

311. Indictment of James Page, of Barkampstead St. Peter's, shoemaker, for entering the freehold of Emlin Benning there, and expelling her therefrom. (See No. 350).

312. Indictment of William Clerke, of Bengeo, for refusing to assist in amending the common highways in the parish of Standon, after being duly summoned by the surveyor.

322. Indictment of George Campkin, the elder, of Watton, labourer, and Edward Campkin, the younger, for enclosing "a heading piece of land lying open in the common field there called Haden."

323. Indictment of Robert Nash, of Bennington, laborer, for enclosing a piece of land in the common field there called Sind Burrough, at Aston.

325. Indictment of John Goodge, of Hitchin, and William Reeve, of Tring, for severally using the occupation of a badger at Hertford, without licence.

329. Indictment of Sara Davis, wife of John Davis, of London, laborer, "for saying at Royston, amongst other false and scandalous words, that the houses burnt in Southwarke were set on fire by the Duke of York's servants."

335. Indictment of John Field, the younger, of Stopsley, in the parish of King's Walden, for ploughing up a balke called Dodshott's balk, in a common field called Haddon, being a church path leading from a place called Tankards, within the parish of Offley, to the parish church there.

339. 25th May. "At our meeting at Hertford upon the 25th May, 1681:—It was then agreed by us that Sir John Gore, Henry Chauncy, and Richard Harrison, esq., or any two of them be desired for to find out a piece of ground within the Corporation of Hertford, and to agree to purchase

the same by a long lease or otherwise, whereon to erect a house of correction for the severall hundreds within the County of Hertford that are not otherwise provided for, and likewise to consider what the charge of building the said house may amount to, as likewise for a stock to employ the poor in works, and for a sallary to the master or governor of the said house, and they are further desired to make a report of this business at the next quarter sessions, that sufficient money may be then rated and levied upon such parts of the county as is concerned in this affair."

341. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the highway between Bishop's Hatfield and St. Albans, for which the inhabitants of Bishop's Hatfield were indicted, has been well repaired.

342. Certificate by two justices of the peace that having viewed that part of the highway in Wheathamstead, where John North was charged with digging chalk, they have found it to be in sufficient repair.

343. Certificate that the highway leading from Willyan to Hitchin, for which the inhabitants of Great Wymondly stand indicted is repaired.

344. 6th April. Gaddesdon. John Eddowes to John Chauncey. Asks consideration for George Heyton, who has erected a cottage on the common, with the permission of Lord Bridgewater, lord of the manor, but Daniell Cleaver has stirred up two of the inhabitants against the poor man, and they threaten to complain against him at next session. The whole "vill" consists but of 14 "housekeepers," of whom 12 are "positive" for the poor man.

347. 10th April. Letter from Jo. Gill to Mr. John Chauncey. Your bailiff of Hertford "useth my friend Mr. Benn very ill about the 6d. execution money in his hands, making severall appointments and performing nothing. Pray use your interest a little with him that he discharge that money. Salmon was bad, but I fear this is worse."

348. 11th April. Gaddesden. Jo. Eddowes to Mr. Chauncey. "This I send to you in behalfe of this bearer, Joseph

Gosbell, who hath committed some acte of folly, but he knows not what himself. Really, Sir, he is more than halfe a madman, hath a pretty competent estate of about 40*l.* per ann., but by his foolish management of it is worse than the poorest day labourer, seldom cloathes to his backe or money in his purse, and yett no spender, but through his folly makes no profit of his land, plowes much, but seldome sows or reapes, so that I beceech you, sir, pitty him, and get him out of the bryers, and he shall come no more in if his neighbours cann prevayle with him to take good advice."

349. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the pump, for which the inhabitants of Standon were indicted, in Puckeridge Street is now well repaired.

350. 4th July. Barkhamstead St. Peter. Letter from Josias Geary to Mr. Chauncey, clerk of the peace:—"Pray be pleased to drawe an indictment at your next quarter sessions in Hertford against James Page, of Barkhamstead St. Peter, shoemaker, for a forcible deteyner committed by the said James Page in the dwelling house of Emlin Benning, his owne mother. The nature of the deteyner is this, vizt., one James Page, late husband of the said Emlin, and owne father of the said James Page, gave the same house to the said Emlin, his wife, for life, and she after the death of her husband entered and held the same 20 years and upwards, but of late she hath permitted the said James, her sonne, to lye in the house when he came home from worke, and not long since he hath taken the advantage of his mother being from home, and shut the doores against her and will not lett her in againe, although shee hath requested him soe to do. James, the sonne, is bound to appeare at your sessions, and the bearer will show you the will, and will give evidence on the bill of indictment." (See also No. 311).

357. Petition of the inhabitants of Ware. Showing "That one Thomas Collup, an inhabitant of the said town, being seized of an inn called the King's Head, for which 100*l.* or thereabouts may be procured, and having besides in the hands of

one Leonard Battell the sum of 200*l.*, which was left as a security against claim of dower upon sale of an house, &c., in the parish of Amwell, called the Peacock, and forty pounds more in the hands of one, Edward Malyn, the elder, upon the like accompt. Yet the said Thomas Collup, although he had a daughter who (being a diseased person) had been very chargeable to the parish for this seven years last past, and his wife being aged and past labour, must of necessity come to the parish also, and notwithstanding he, himself, beggs his bread from door to door, and his wife is willing to give up her right in the premises, and does daily importune him (he) will neither consent to the sale of the said inn, or lett or live himself therein, or take any course to get the money out of the hands of the persons above-mentioned, but suffers the said inn to drop down for want of repair, and the timber and other materialls thereof is stolen away by poore people, and the monies lies dead."

The petitioners desire that he may be imprisoned "until he will yield to take some care about the premises."

358. Petition of Thomas Grey. Showing that he was born at Harding, in Hertfordshire, and is not an inhabitant of any other place, that he is willing and able to work, and desires an order of sessions for a settlement at Harding.

360. 3rd September. Certificate by Henry Bateson, minister of the parish of Great Gaddesden, and by Thomas Hall, constable, of the same, that Thomas Grey, "a sturdy vagrant beggar, black-haired, aged about 24 years, was openly whipped at Great Gaddesden (according to law) for a wandering rogue, and is assigned to pass forthwith from parish to parish the next straight way to Harding, and he is limited to be at Harding within two days."

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413. Recognizance for the appearance of William Smith, of "Brahin," to answer to the complaint of Mary Tomlin, of "Brahin," widow, concerning John Tomlin, her son, his apprentice, who has been missing from his house and service for some time past, and no account given to her of him.

420. Recognizance for the appearance of Andrew Cater, of Sabridgeworth, clerk, to answer for being a nonconformist minister, and coming to the parish of Hertingfordbury, to celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

426. Recognizance for the appearance of Reginald Terry to answer for the unlawful coursing and chasing of certain deer in the Earl of Dorsett's park in the county of Essex.

430. Presentment of John Savill, of Hoddesdon, for making a ditch in a common field called West Field, near the highway; and also for making a quickset hedge in the same field, and for selling corn at his barn doors contrary to the statute.

Presentment of Richard Barnet, bailiff of the liberties of Braughin, for releasing Knight from a sessions process, for "a beer bribe."

431. Presentments of John Fisher for keeping school in Hoddesdon without licence; of William Bennett, of Stortford, for being "a common swearer;" of the parish of Ware [for a highway] between Wardsmill and Ware which is not safe for passengers to travel on.

433. 4th July. Constables' returns for the half hundred of Braughin:—

"They have noe recusants nor popish priests nor Jesuits in the parishes of Buntingford Westmill, Thundridge, Braughin, Standon, and Ware, but there are quakers, namely, William Wanbres, of Buntingford Westmill, Michael Watts, of Thundridge, and others, all of whom are already convicted or indicted.

434. Presentments that a pump on the Market Hill in Stortford is out of repair, "and has not went this 3 years, being for the use of the inhabitants if any fire should happen," and that the churchwardens of Stortford are to repair it; that a watercourse in Walsworth, in the parish of Hitchin, in a way there leading from Baldock to Hitchin, ought to be scoured by the inhabitants of Walsworth; that the highway at Bowneck's Hill, in the parish of Sabridgworth, leading from Sabridgworth to Gilson, is out of repair and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Sabridgworth; and of Jeremiah

Dunham, of Meldred, co. Cambridge, higgler, and Richard Wallis, of Thriplow, in the same county, higgler, for travelling with their loaded horses on Sunday in the road through the parish of Great Hornmead from London.

435. Presentment of Thomas Gardener, "parson of Cottered, for neglecting to read divine service for the space of one month last past."

436. Presentments of John Adams, of Fryers in Sabridgworth, for digging two pits in the highway and not filling them up again; and of Mr. Edward Godwin, of Eastwick, minister, "for not reading the common prayer for the space of one year last past."

437. Presentments that a certain footbridge in the parish of Braughin, leading from Greensend to Braughin church, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Braughin; that a bridge in Westmill, called New Bridge, leading from Puckeridge to Buntingford, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county; that a bridge called Ford Bridge, in Braughin, and leading from Puckeridge towards Barkeway, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the county; and that a certain common highway called Twitchells, in the parish of St. Margarets, leading from Hayley towards Hertford and Ware, which has been a market way for about fifty years, has lately been made impassable through Henry Lawrence, esq., having made a ditch in it.

438. 2nd October. Presentments of many persons at Cheshunt for not going to church and for attending conventicles, Robert Bragge, Samuel Ottway, and William Casteer, of Cheshunt, preachers at the conventicles there, John Gray, churchwarden of Cheshunt, and several others, presented for not receiving the sacrament in their parish church.

442. Presentment that the beacon at Hertford Heath is fallen down Presentment of Richard Goodman, of Hertford, maltster, "for carrying away the timber and ironwork of the said beacon;" of Abraham Lewis, of Standon, higgler, for forestalling Buntingford market and also for forestalling

Royston market; of the parish of "Larston" for suffering a common footbridge in the market way and church way, at a place called River Green to be decayed and impassable; of Edmund Godwyn, minister of Eastwick, for not reading divine service for the space of five Lord's days; of Jeremiah Barwell, of Hertford, All Saints, clerk, for not reading divine service on 27th April last; of the inhabitants of Little Amwell for not mending their highway leading from Rush Green to the road between Great Amwell and "Hogsdon;" of the inhabitants of Throcking for not mending their highway leading from Buntingford to Chippin; and of John Cramphorn, of Eastwick, for not scouring his ditch lying by the highway from Eastwick Street to Eastwick Hall.

444. Presentment of Phillip Mitchell, of Chesthunt, for turning the watercourse into the highway.

445. Presentments that the highway leading from Layston to Newbridge, in the parish of Westmill, is very much out of repair; that the highway leading from Puckeridge to Westmill, in the parish of Stondon, is out of repair; and of Benjamin Kidley, of Barkway, for making three ditches in the Moore, in the parish of Barkway, leading from Barkway to Widdyall and Buntingford.

449. Presentments of Samuel Goodeacres, of Cheshunt, for selling goods on the Lord's Day; of Robert Mannell, of Chesthunt, for "trymming" on the Lord's Day; of William Barefoot, of Chesthunt, for keeping school without licence; and of William Clerke, of Benjeo, for keeping a conventicle in his house.

453. Indictment of the county for not repairing a causey on both sides of Nunn's bridge, containing in length 600 feet.

455. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for not repairing a common highway near Waltham Crosse, between the Gibbet and the White Hart.

457. Indictment of Henry Hill, John Palmer, William Warwick, ——— Rimington, widow, Elizabeth Boteler, widow, and John Cordwell, all of Chesthunt, and William Disher, of Enfield, in co. Middlesex, for refusing to pay a rate assessed by the inhabitants of the parish of Chesthunt towards the repairs of the alms-houses there.

461. Indictment of John Wilshire, of Welwyn, yeoman, for refusing to perform the office of a surveyor of the highways within that parish.

464. Indictment of the inhabitants of Weston for not repairing a highway lying in Old Field Street, adjoining a piece of waste land which George Munt lately . . . and enclosed from the way aforesaid leading from Clothall towards Steavenage.

467. Indictment of the inhabitants of Chesthunt for not repairing a common footbridge at Flamstead End over the running water in the parish of Chesthunt, leading from Chesthunt Park towards Chesthunt church.

469. Indictment of Thomas Green, of Hoddesdon, for not repairing a common footbridge in West Feild, in the parish of Broxbourne.

471. Indictment of Will. Hill, of Welwyn, yeoman, for enclosing a piece of his land lying in the common field called Ground Hill Field, in the parish of Wellwyn, which ought to be open.

475. Indictment of the inhabitants of Sacombe for not repairing a common highway lying at Blindman's Hill in the said parish.

477. Indictment of John Wilshire, of Wellwyn, for enclosing a piece of land of about eight acres lying in the common field there called King's Dell Field, which piece of land ought to lie open.

479. Indictment of John Fisher, of Hoddesdon, for keeping a school there without licence.

495. Indictment of the inhabitants of Throcking for not repairing a common highway in the said parish, leading from Cornnbury Bridge towards Laystone.

510-513. Indictments of John Saville, of Hoddesdon, for digging a ditch and making a quick-sett hedge in the common field there called West Feild.

514. Indictment of the same for selling grain at his house and not at market.

516. Indictment of Richard Barnard, the elder, of Hertford, yeoman, for that being bailiff of the liberties of the Hundreds of Hertford and Braughin he released a prisoner, whom he had taken, for a bribe of beer.

526. Indictment of Benjamin Kidley, of Barkway, yeoman, for digging three ditches in a moor or marsh leading from Barkway towards Wydiall and Buntingford.

536. Indictment of William Barfoot, of Chesthunt, clerk, for keeping a grammar school there without licence.

538. Indictment of Thomas Wait, of Standon, and constable there, for passing a pauper woman from "Thundrich" to Standon, and allowing her to leave Standon without a guide according to the tenor of the pass.

539. Indictment of Robert Lay, guardian of the parish church of Bishop's Stortford for not repairing a public pump on the Market Hill in the parish of Stortford.

540. Indictment of Samuel Allis, of Ware, husbandman and constable there, for detaining a pauper woman in his custody for the space of eight hours "when she did labour and travail with child," and for sending her from Ware to "Thundrich."

543. Indictment of William Clarke, of Bengeo, yeoman, for holding an unlawful conventicle there.

544. Indictment of Robert Maunnell, of Chesthunt, barber, for profaning the Sabbath by exercising his trade of a barber.

545. Indictment of Robert Gates, of Layston, gent, for holding an unlawful conventicle there.

559. Presentment that a watercourse in a place between "the vought" of George Benn and "the sign of le Falken inn" in Puckeridge, is in great decay, and that Giles Blowfield, of Puckeridge, labourer, ought to cleanse the same.

562. Indictment of John Rooding, of Hertingfordbury, yeoman, for not repairing a watercourse next to a place called Sampson Gate, leading from Hertingfordbury to Hatfield.

566. Indictment of Henry Godfrey, of Puckeridge, for not repairing "a vaught" belonging to his mansion house there called "la Falken Inn."

570 & 571. The depositions of William Walton and Henry Joyce, both of Winnicke, in Northamptonshire, drovers, concerning their having been stopped by John Willshire and two other men in the King's highway, at a place called the White Hill, as they were going with their droves of hogs to Barnet on "Twelfe Day," the 6th of January, 1682.

576 & 577. Order for the committal of Daniel Gates for holding a conventicle in his barn at Layston, and for speaking dangerous words, viz.:—"That the high constable that made the warrants (by virtue of which the petty constable of Layston went and disturbed the conventicle aforesaid) was a blockhead; and when it was told him that it was by order of the justices of the peace, the said Daniel Gates replied that he had known justices of the peace hanged, and that he hoped to see a gallows in Buntingford street, and that he did not doubt but to see three or four score thousand hanged, and their throats cut before we should have good days; and further, that if God Almighty be just he will rain fire and brimstone on the heads of the justices who disturbed the conventicle. And there being discourse between the said Daniel Gates and some persons concerning the late plot against his Majesty and the Duke of York, he said he did not believe there was any plot."

579. List of names of persons committed to prison for not going to church, and refusing to pay their fines, and also for refusing to take the oath of obedience.

580. The petition of Susanna Chapman, of Broxborne, widow:—Showing that she being a very poor woman is "much grieved and oppressed" by John Holgate, bailiff of the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster "by his unlawful deteyning of certain writings and deeds" of hers connected with a messuage belonging to her in Hoddesdon, so that she is "very much dampnified and almost ruinated thereby."

581. The petition of Elizabeth Taylor, of Broxborne, widow:—

Complaining that being a woman of good repute she has been much oppressed and falsely imprisoned by John Holgate, bailiff of the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster.

582. Petition of John Deane, of "Roydoning," in the county of Essex:— Complaining that he has been very much wronged and oppressed by John Holgate, "the said John Holgate wrongfully deteyning of a certain land" belonging to the petitioner "to his great damage."

587. 10 July. Certificate that Nathan Veryard, curate of "Wsallkorne," "did this day joyn together in holy wedlock, John Cops and Elizabeth Hall."

588. Certificate "that Mr. Robert de Lunars is one of the members of the French church, London, and doth receive the sacrament." Signed by B. Primerose, minister of the said church, and others.

590. William Clarke, of the parish of Wigginton, bricklayer, has occasion to remove himself and his family from the parish of Wigginton to Little Gaddesden. And the parishioners of Little Gaddesden refuse to receive them into their parish and let them settle there without a testimonial and certificate from the parishioners of Wigginton.

Certificate of the parishioners of Wigginton that they will at any time take back into their parish the said William Clarke and his family.

592. 22 April. Letter from Francis Leigh to Mr. Chauncey, clerk of the peace, dated from Tring:—"According to an order of sessions made the five and twentieth day of January last, I have sent you enclosed the recognizance of William Worster and William Smith, of Bovindon, for contempt of an order of sessions made the ninth day of January last, in the behalfe of one, John Yorke, formerly a vagrant, but now parishioner of Bovingdon. Yet I believe the rest of the inhabitants will doe their utmost to gett him thence though they force him to turn vagrant againe. Yorke will be with you to prove that he was in the parish halfe-a-year or more before they gave him any disturbance, and that not privately, for he worked for severall substantial men and was at

church, and paid rent to prove which I have sent you an acquittance which he brought me but he will bring witnesses to prove it *viva voce*. I beg you to inform Sir Henry Chauncey of his case for the parishioners to hope they shall be able to overpower him being a poor man, but I doubt not but the court will doe him justice."

594. 23 April. Letter dated at St. Albans from Thomas Arris to Mr. John Chauncey :—

"Gentlemen, here will this day appear at your sessions, one, Thomas Gray, of Coney, who assaulted one, Thomas Taylor, who is very much bruised, if helpe had not come in 'tis imagind he would have kickt him to death. The fellow is a weak sickly man and is at this tyme very ill. Wherefore I desire you to committ [him] till the danger is over. He is a very peremptory saucy fellow. Could I gett on either a boote or a shoe I would have waited upon you."

597. Charles Nicholls to Mr. John Chauncey :—"I understand by this bearer that he is indicted but knowes not for what, but is informed by James Priest it is for entertaining of travellers he saith he hath only lodged in his house a traveller or two, and that was in the spring of this year, he sold noe drinke, they did not begg but payd for what they had and went their way without doeing any prejudice to anybody. I recommend they ought to have lodging for their money. I have advised him to submit to the court for a fine and intreate you to stand his friend to gett as small as you cann, for he is a poore man and not able to pay much."

598. H. Ward to Mr. John Chauncey :—"The beare: hereof Mr. Aly [?] is bound over to appear at the sessions. I know him to be a very honest man, by misfortune, hired a couple of horses to two persons not known to him which were left at pound in Hodsdon, he keeps the Bull Inn in Hatton Greene, where I keep my horses, pray assist him to get a discharge, for I am assured he is noe wilfull transgressor; men of his profession are noewaies able to answer for all their guests."

599. Copy of "John Yorke his passe," dated 5th January, 1681-2 :—Giving notice to the constables and other officers

that, John Yorke, a vagrant, was taken at Tring and punished there, and that having lived for half-a-year before at Bovingdon he is to be conveyed back to Bovingdon within two days and to be settled there.

608. "A note of the repairs of the Chappell bridge in Buntingford, begun 10th May, 1682, done by Richard Dane:—

For 4 spurrs	00	05	00
For 3 rales and a middle peere	00	02	03
For 160 foote of planke in the bridge and wharfs	01	06	08
For 8 bearers for the staires	00	01	00
For 3 peeres to stay the rales	00	00	06
For a studd under the bridge	00	00	10
For 2 loads of clay	00	03	00
Paid the labourers	00	01	09
For 7 dayes worke of the carpenters	00	11	03
For 2 iron pinns	00	04	04
For nailes	00	01	08
For a new key and mending the lock	00	00	06
	£2	16	09"

609. 15 August. Mr. John Chauncey's account of the last bridge money, being £100 raised by an order of sessions:—

"Received by Mr. Chauncey of the five divisions of this county, the whole somme conteyned in the order	100	00	00
Paid by Mr. Chauncey as followeth—			
To Mr. Crofts for amending Wardsmill bridge and Nunn's bridge by vertue of an order of sessions made Mid. sess. 32 Ca. 2nd	030	00	00
To Richard Goulston, esq., for what he had layed out for repairing New Bridge and Buntingford bridge	045	01	07
To the clerke of the assizes for the discharge of the indictment against the county concerning Nunn's bridge	002	01	04
Expended in all	077	02	11
Rests in my hands	022	17	01"

617. "The names of some of the wealthiest dissenters in the parish of Cheshunt. Such as joyne with the Presbyterians and Independents at the meeting in Theobald's :—

William Barefoot, a schoolmaster, excommunicated formerly and indicted at the sessions

Mr. Robert Bragge
Mr. Castair a Scott
Mr. Samuel Otway
} Teachers at Theobald's.

Sam. Shute, esq., Sheriff of Middlesex.

Mr. Robert De Luna who entertains Castair in his house.

Isaac Eure, barrister-at-law.

Mr. Thomas Abney.

Mrs. Mary Shute, relict of Mr. Benj. Shute.

All these have their families all summer in Chesthunt but never come to their parish church, but doe all they can to encourage the meeters [?]

Mr. John Graye, now churchwarden.

Thomas French and his wife.

Mr. Edmond Foxley.

Hester, wife of John Ward, butcher.

Robert Rolfe, baker.

Of the same sort—

Dr. James Desborough, M.D., and all his fami y.

Eleanor Kerby, widow.

Thomas Joyes.

Mary Jeale, widow.

Daniel Doughty.

Mary Joyce, widow.

Daniel Hall.

John Eves.

Henry Rowe.

Mr. John Mickil.

John Sole, constable, who hath lately come to his parish church once in a day but his wife scarcely ever.

Hannah Pharroh, widow.

Mary Collins, widow.

Mr. John Drew, an attorney and his wife and family.

John Paine.

Jonathan Trevor.

Thomas Freeman.
Thomas Leatherdale.
John Nash, senr.
George Lathbury.
Mr. John Armiger.
Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, widow.
John Ballard.
William Tuttey, baker.
John Stockin, their clerk at the meeting.

Such as are anabaptists.

Mr. Joseph Masters } Teachers.
Capt. John Spencer }
Mrs. Mary Dashwood, relict of Alderman Dashwood.
Mr. Samuel Harris.
Mr. Willm. Hart.
Mr. Arthur Ottray.

Quakers.

Gaven Lourdy, merchant and speaker.
Samuel Goodacre.
Wm. Page.
John Robins.
Wilm. Bates.
Anthony Deighton, senr.
Nicholas Ring.
Widow Runnington.
Nathaniel Thompson.
John Blendall.
Robert Cooper.

Such as seldom go to church or any other religious meeting.

Mr. Thomas Medlicott.
Mr. Nicholas Mutton, and Susanna, his wife.
Allan Sawyer, senior.
Allan Sawyer, junr.
Samuell Noon.
John Cordle, cow leech.
Walther Adams.
John Grubbe.
John Palmer.

621. A protest by the churchwardens and overseers of Chesthunt against an order of sessions concerning the settlement of a child, declaring that a child ought not to be sent away from any place where it had a settlement, even to its father, but that the sessions "upon appeal may force the father to pay for the child's keeping."

Note.—A very large number of presentments and committals of persons refusing to go to church occur during the year 1682.

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1683.

1 & 3. 1 Feb. Warrants to the keeper of his Majesty's gaol at Hertford, for the custody of John Eston, of Cottered, shopkeeper; Lewis Laundy, of Baldock, maulster; and Stephen Featherstone, of Royston, shoemaker, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

7. Warrant for the custody of John Raillett, Wm. Speciall, Samuell Speciall, John Reed, Edward Herredge, Reginald Ramsey, Clement Shinn, John Perryn, Henry Freeman, John Gyffin, and John Thorne, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

9 & 10. Warrants for the custody of John Clement, Thomas Prigg, Jno. Parker, Edward Parker, John Eston, Henry Bateson, John Beale, Thomas Game, and Henry Hewlett, for refusing to take the oath of allegiance.

74. Recognizance for the appearance of John Wood, of Kelshull, on behalf of his wife, Margaret, "to answer such matters of misdemeanor concerning her milking a cow of Anne Scripps, of Kelshull, as shall be objected against her."

76. Recognizance for the appearance of Samuel Stanbridge, to answer for being at a meeting or unlawful assembly at Flamstead End in the parish of Chesthunt.

77 & 78. Recognizances of John Harding and George Chapman for the same offence.

91. 12 April. The information of Robert Hummerstone, of Broxborne. "The informer sayth that Philadelphia Bickerton

and John Bickerton, of the parish aforesaid, on the 13th day of March last past, threw brickbats, stones, and bones at the said informer, and called him old cavalier, beggarly rogue, and further told him that none but rogues served the old king, meaning King Charles the First."

98. Presentments of the inhabitants of Weston for not repairing a certain highway in their parish leading from Baldock to Graveley, containing 200 poles; of the inhabitants of Graveley and Little Wymondley, for not repairing a certain highway leading from Baldock to Stevenage, "the one parish ought to repaire the one halfe of the said highway, and the other parish the other halfe of it;" and of the inhabitants of Stevenage for not repairing a certain highway leading from Graveley to Stevenage, 200 poles in length.

100. Presentment that a footbridge in the parish of Chesthunt, leading from Theobalds to the parish church, is much out of repair, and ought to be mended by Edward Harris, of the same parish.

Presentment of a number of persons for not attending church.

101. Presentments that the highway leading from Reedmill towards Buckland, "in length fourscore pole or upwards between the two springs there," is very much out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Reed; that the highway leading from Royston to Reedmill, called London Hill, containing about 40 poles in length, is very much out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Tharfield; of Mary Shuite (?) John Gray and Mary, his wife, Dr. James Desburrow and his wife, all of Chesthunt, for not receiving the sacrament at their parish church for the space of one whole year; and that the highway leading from Collier's End to Puckeridge, 200 poles in length, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the parish of Standon.

102. Presentments of Samuel Gardener, rector of Walken, for not repairing Church Bridge; and of Henry Kent, of the same, for digging up a foot baulke leading from Walkon to Weston.

104. Presentments of Prudence Ludford, wife of William Ludford, of Little Barkhamsted, "for practising the profession of a chyrurgeon contrary to law;" and of the inhabitants of Westmill for the highway leading from Buntingford to Westmill.

106. Presentment of John Lenord (Leonard) "for saying that Rumbol was an onest man, and that if he was there hee would beat them all out of the rume." (See No. 114).

109. Presentment that "the new way called Labdell Causey," in the parish of Standon, about 16 poles in length, is out of repair and not passable, and that the parish of Standon ought to repair it.

110. Presentments of Thomas Batchelor, of Hempstead, for swearing six oathes and abusing the watch; of Philip Hale, of Shenley, "for a common poacher and destroyer of the game for partridges and hares;" and that a way leading from Baldock to Hitchin, called Walsoe, ten poles in length, is very much out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Hitchin.

114. Presentments of John Leonard, of Broxborn, "for vindicating Rumbald, the maltster, near Ware, after the king's messenger had been to apprehend him of high treason;" and of John Knight, of Hodsden, "for suffering a Quakers' meeting in his house."

116. Presentment of Tho. Davis for not repairing a footbridge leading from "Tiballs" to Chesthunt church.

118. Presentment that the highway leading from Buckland towards Royston, in the parish of Read, is out of repair.

124. Indictment of Thomas Quearne, Daniel Day, and William Faroe, all of Eastwick, laborers, for neglecting and refusing to assist in the reparation of the highways when lawfully notified.

126. Indictment of the inhabitants of Aldenham for not repairing a common cart-bridge called High Bridge in that parish.

127. Indictment of the inhabitants of Braughin for making and continuing a "loome pitt" there, in the highway leading thence to Furnix Pelham, near a place called Sportlowfield Gate.

129. Presentment of James Warren, of Bengeo, labourer, for refusing to pay the constable's rate.

130. Presentments of George Samme, of Willyan, laborer; John Moores, of Wellwyn; Francis Wells, of Pirton; George Shephardson, of Wormley; Edward Starr, of Walkerne; William Kilby, of Hatfield; Thomas Johnson, of the same; Francis Page, of the same; Robert Huntsman, of the same; Francis Pryor, of Ware; Thomas Goodman, of Hempsted; William Deacon, of King's Langley; Nathaniel Gladman, of the same; Richard Francis, of the same; Francis Rolph, of Barkhamsted St. Peter's; Thomas Danyell, the younger, of Tring; Roger Seabrooke, of Puttenham; John Gray, of Northchurch; Leonard Battell, of Amwell; Thomas Love, of Letchworth; George Exton, of Walkerne; John Dell, of Bushey; and Thomas Plane, of Barkamsted St. Peter's, for selling corn without licence.

131. Indictment of Thomas Russell, of Sabridgeworth, laborer, for exercising the trade of a grocer, not having served seven years apprenticeship to the same.

133. Indictment of George Throgmorton, of Chipperfield, esquire, for "carting" on a common church path leading from Chipperfield to Graveley parish church.

134. Indictment of Griffith Falkner, of Oundle, co. Northants; Robert Fary, of Peterborough, in the same county; Robert Sewell, of "St. Needs," co. Huntingdon; ——— Warren, of Stamford, co. Lincoln; and ——— Barnes, of Lincoln; for using a team of eight horses in waggons at Baldock and Weston.

138. Indictment of John Warren, otherwise Wood, of Tharfield, for erecting a cottage there and not assigning to the same four acres of freehold land, and for continuing the same erection for a space of six months.

140. Indictment of Edward Chapman, of Standon, for "pulling off" a warrant from the hands of John Peirepoint, one of the constables there, and cancelling the same.

141. Presentment of John Bickerton, of Hoddesdon, butcher, for

killing a diseased bullock, and exposing the same for sale. (See also No. 151).

148. Indictment of the same for selling meat on Sunday.

149. Indictment of Emanuel Ford, of Hoddesdon, for breaking into the pound there and driving out his two cows lawfully impounded there.

154. Presentment that Philadelphia Bickerton, of Hoddesdon, widow, entered the house of Robert Humberston there, and destroyed the walls and built a pigsty adjoining the same house.

155. Indictment of John Bickerton, of Hoddesdon, butcher; Philadelphia Bickerton, of the same, spinster; and Emanuel Ford, of the same, laborer; for saying the following words to Robert Humberston, of the same, laborer: "You are an old cavilere, beggerly rougue, and that none but rouges served the king—meaning King Charles the First."

170. Indictment of Thomas Davis, of Chesthunt, laborer, for not repairing a common footbridge in the parish of Cheshunt, leading from Theobalds to Chestunt church.

172. Indictment of John Warren, otherwise Wood, of Tharfield, laborer, for receiving an inmate in his house there.

175. Indictment of Francis Allison, of Hempsted, and Henry Fletcher, of the same, for neglecting their duties as church-wardens there.

176. Indictment of Henry Baker, of Hatfield, for receiving from James Bibswell 26 pigeons stolen by the last named.

177. Indictment of James Bibswell, of Hatfield, for stealing 26 pigeons, value 11d., the property of Sir Francis Boteler.

199. Presentment that Henry Dunster, of St. John's, Hertford, refused to pay ten shillings and fourpence, being his share of a rate levied for raising £200 for building a house of correction within the hundred of Hertford.

203. Presentment that John Parker, of Yardley, husbandman, Edward Parker, of the same, labourer; John Exton, of Cottered, labourer; Henry Batesden, of Bassenborne, co.

Cambs., labourer; John Bell, of Layston, labourer; Thomas Game, of Albury, labourer; and Henry Howlett, of Wydiall, labourer; for being at an unlawful conventicle at Layston.

212. Indictment of John Petchy, of Sabridgworth, yeoman, and John Worseley, of Gelston, labourer, for digging a ditch there four feet wide by a hundred feet long, in and across a footpath, in a close called Black Croft, in the parish of Gelston, leading from Eastwick Wood towards the parish church of Gelston.

218 & 219. Indictments of John Bolls, of Wallington, gent.; and Jeremiah Love, of Walshow, laborer; for unlawfully keeping greyhounds.

221. Indictment of Timothy Daventry, of Hempsted, victualler, for refusing to lodge a traveller in his common victualling house.

228. Indictment of James Priest, of Hitchin, victualar, for keeping two greyhounds for hunting there, where he never had lands or tenements or other hereditary estate of the yearly value of £100.

237. Order of sessions that George Munt, of Weston, shall take down a fence which he has put up in Old Ford Street in Weston, and fill up a ditch which he has digged there.

240. Sessions order for the apprehension of John Leonard, of Broxborn, for speaking dangerous words in the vindication of Richard Rumbold, "who is mentioned in the King's proclamation for conspiring the death of his Majesty and the Duke of York." (See Nos. 106 and 114).

241-243. Convictions and presentments of the following persons for being present at unlawful conventicles, held at Flamstead End, in the parish of Cheshunt, under the teachership of Gawen Lowry, viz.:—Gawen Lowry, and Mary, his wife,

William Bates, weaver, and his wife, Thomas Roberts, husbandman, the wife of Anthony Dighton, Mary Price, spinster, Anne, wife of Samuel Goodaker, Sarah Runnington, widow, John Robbins, William Bates, Mary, his wife, and Joseph, his son, John Montford, Nicholas Ring, Anne Rash, and Elizabeth Rash, Wonderful Warwick, George Archer, John Blindell, Nathaniel Thompson, William Wilmott, all of Chesthunt; John Springham, shopkeeper, and his wife, George Watt, John Leak, Joshua Wright, Mary Clark, Elizabeth Adams, and John Woodland, all of Enfield, in Middlesex; Samuel Siggins, Elizabeth Siggins, Sarah Warner, of Wormley; James Adams, of Broxburn; Henry Essex, Philadelphia Essex, Patrick Taylor, Sarah, wife of John Fisher, Alice Stern, Anne Freeman, William Dowcet, George Fisher, Thomas Crawley, Robert Walford, John Borham, Jonah Pierce, and Mary, his wife, all of Hoddesdon; John Hooker, and Anne, wife of Joseph Prior, of Northall; Alice Budds, of London; Joseph Guppy, John Mulberry, and John French, of Edmonton, in Middlesex; Richard Pritlove, Rachel, his wife, and Robert Palmer, of Epping, in the county of Essex; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Bennet, Thomas Tabraham, John Cooper, Isaac Cook, Mary, wife of Thomas Tyler, Samuel Brand, John Shackerly, Samuel Stanbridge, Sarah, wife of Francis Warner, Richard Priden, and Anne, his wife, William Tolson, George Chapman, and John Larkin, of Waltham Abbey, in the county of Essex; John Burges, of Nazin; and John Page, of Royden. (See Nos. 247 and 248).

244 & 245. 11 March. Note of convictions of John Richards, William Thorpe, of Bayford; William Thorowgood, of Hertford; Thomas Barefoot, of the same, joiner; and Robert Ruskyn, of Little Berkhamsted, husbandman; for being present at an unlawful conventicle at the house of Israel Mayo, esq., called Bayford Place, in the parish of Bayford. And that the latter was fined £20 for permitting the assembly.

246. Note of convictions and fines of the above-mentioned persons, and in addition, of the following—Samuel Kent, of Hert-

ford, cooper; Thomas Lee, of Hertingfordbury, weaver; Frances Hare, of the same, weaver, singlewoman; Hanna Field, of Hertford; William Pedley, of Broxborne, grocer; John Price, of Hoddesdon, husbandman, and Elizabeth, his wife; Philip Bridge, of St. John's, yeoman; Daniel Scrattan, of Bricklicewell (?) co. Essex, gentleman; William Clerke, of Hertford, gentleman; Adlord Bowde, of Hertford, draper, and Alice, his wife; Mary Slate, of Hertford, singlewoman; Joan Nevell, of Brickenden; William Beadle, of Little Barkhamsted, labourer; Thomas Beadle, of the same, labourer; William Gryce, of Chesthunt, petty chapman; Mary Carter, of Ware, widow; Alice Dolley, of Little Barkhamsted, widow; Elizabeth Bowes, of Stansted; Frances, wife of Robert Phisick, of Bayford; Robert Phisick, of the same; John Smart, of Hertford, woolcomber; John Stoton, of Branfield, labourer; John Reddall, of Brickenden, ——— Clerke of Hertford, gentleman; and Anna Smart, of the same, spinster. All the above-mentioned persons are fined 5s. each.

247. Further convictions of some of the foregoing on a similar charge for which they were fined 10s. each for the second offence.

248. Note of the conviction of Gawin Lowry for teaching and and preaching at an unlawful conventicle for which he is fined £20.

249 & 252. Further presentments of persons present at unlawful conventicles at Flamsted End, containing the following additional names, viz. :—Hester Horridine, William Warrington, Elizabeth Epps, Katherin, wife of William Page, Martha Scudamore, Mary Scarborough, Alexander Burnett, Nathaniel Thompson, John Mumford, Peter Lunmans, the wife of William Tolson, of Cheshunt; Steven Richards of Broxburn; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Dickson, of London; Joan Bokins, of West Charlow, in Berkshire; John Baker, Mary, wife of Josiah Lovet, John Harding, John Bushey, Jonah Lovett, John Harvey, Jannet Bond, John Clay, all of Waltham Abbey; Margaret Bowen, of Mywood, in the county of Montgomery; John Hooker, of Northall; and Benjamin Smith, of London.

253. Note of convictions of the following persons for being present at an unlawful conventicle :—John Adams, and his wife, Job Tinge, Thomas Griper, all of Ware.

254. 23 Sept. Note of convictions of the following persons for being present at an unlawful conventicle held at Patmore Heath, in the parish of Aldbury :—Thomas Burne, of Ware, maltster ; Robert Terlin, of Aldbury, labourer ; William Wright, of Bishops Stortford, tailor ; Joseph Taylor, of the same; Thomas Phip, of Furnix Pellham, chandler ; John Goulston, of Stansted, co. Essex ; Simon Joslen, of the same, "cowper" ; Benjamin Dennis, of the same, bricklayer ; John Dunbar, of Mannenden, co. Essex; and Edward Lucas, of Arkesden, co. Essex, labourer ; at which conventicle Thomas Burre took upon himself to teach. Each of the above mentioned persons was fined 5s., and Thomas Burre, fined £20.

255. Note that John Knight, of Hoddesdon, hatter, was convicted of permitting an unlawful conventicle in his house there and fined £20.

256. 30 Sept. Note that the following persons were convicted for being at an unlawful assembly at the house of John Knight, in Hoddesdon, and were fined 5s. each. Henry Essex, of Hoddesdon ; Jane Calvert, of London, widow; Anne Moore, wife of Robert, of Little Amwell ; Anne Adams, wife of John Adams, of Ware, cordwinder ; Sara Warner, of Cheshunt, spinster ; Elizabeth Siggins, of Cheshunt, widow ; Elizabeth Siggins, of Cheshunt, spinster; Mary, wife of John Adams, of Broxbourne, cordwainer ; Martha Paul, of Broxborne, widow ; Sarah, wife of John Fisher, of Hoddesdon ; Mary Pierce, wife of Jonas Pierce, of Hoddesdon ; Anne, wife of Gregory Tingey, of Little Amwell ; Elizabeth, wife of William Adams, of Little Amwell ; Elizabeth, wife of John Bussey, of Waltham Abbey ; Mary Warley, of London, spinster ; Jane Bowd, of Waltham Abbey, spinster ; Susan, wife of Thomas Wilson, of Waltham Abbey ; Susan, wife of Wm. Stanbridge, of Waltham Abbey ; Sarah Marden, of Hoddesdon, spinster ; Mary Draper, of Great Amwell, widow; Mary Draper, of Hertford, spinster ; Lidia Draper, of Hert-

ford, spinster; Mary Scarborough, of Cheshunt, spinster; Martha Feast, of Roydon, spinster; Joan Bonkey, of Roydon, spinster; William Hadsley, of Great Amwell; Lydia Hadley, wife of the above; Joan Grey, of Hoddesdon, widow; Matthew Clare, of Harlow, co. Essex; Matthew Herrauld, of Hoddesdon, mealman; Richard Patteson, of Roydon, cordwainer; Daniel Mordell, of Epping; John Clement, of Hoddesdon; Thomas Reynolds, of Harlow, weaver; Samuel Stanbridge, of Waltham Abbey; Thomas Griper, of Ware, maltmaker; John Hardsley, of Great Amwell, tanner; Thomas Nutting, of Stondon; Thomas Wilson, of Hoddesdon, bricklayer; Edward Ayres, of Hoddesdon; Edward Leadsley, of Great Amwell, tanner; Richard Foardham, of Ware; Richard Pritlove, of Thayden Garnon; Henry Feast, of Roydon, husbandman; William Crooke, of Husdon, maltster; Jonah (?) Peirce, of Hoddesdon, cordwainer; Richard Potter, of Great Amwell, labourer; James Adams, of Broxborne, husbandman; John Boreham, of Hoddesdon, husbandman; John Adams, of Ware; and William Green, of Eastwick, wheelwright.

257. 5 Oct. Note of further convictions of persons present at a conventicle held at Flamsted End, in Chesthunt, containing the following additional names:—Liddy Thompson, Debbora Bowen, Jennet Bond, George Chapman, all of Waltham Abbey, co. Essex; Elizabeth Dry, widow, Priscilla Hart, William Webster, of Enfield.

"Samuel Goodakers and Anne, his wife, are since gone out of the country. Anne Rash, Mary Tolson, Mary Bates, Liddy Thompson, Nicholas Ring, John Mumford, and John Robins are all poore and nothing to be had."

258. Note of further convictions of some of the before-mentioned persons and in addition of the following:—Matthew Orgar.

259. Note of convictions of the following persons for being present at an unlawful conventicle in the house of Benjamin Andrew, gentleman, in the parish of Caddington:—Edward Chester, of Dunstable, Beds, the teacher; Benjamin Chester and his wife, of the same place; William Barber, of Luton, in the county of Bedford; John Elkins, of the same; Peter

Croot, the younger, Thomas Crawley, the elder, Thomas Crawley, the younger, Thomas Winch, John Darman, all of Luton; George Seare, the elder, of Studham, in the county of Bedford; William Liberty and John Robinson, of Kensworth, in the county of Hertford; Henry Priour and John White, of Flamsted; Samuell Harris and his wife, Jonathan Kingsley, Thomas Marks, Thomas Osman, the elder, all of Caddinton; Nicholas Chalenor and his wife, George Blackstone, Thomas Liberty, of Harpenden; John Jackes, of Redburn, in the liberty of St. Albans; and Richard Jackes, of the same.

260. Note of convictions of the following persons for being present at an unlawful conventicle in the house of Benjamin Andrews, gentleman, in Caddington: — Daniel White, William Chester, of Dunstable, glazier; Nehemiah Clare, of Dunstable, labourer; Jonathan Kingsley, of Dunstable, mealman; William Barber, of Luton, maltster; Thomas Crawley, the younger, of Luton, chandler; Michael Coleman, of Luton, maltster; and George Seires, the elder, of Studham, co. Bedford, innholder.

261. 16 April. The petition of the inhabitants of Ware:— Shows "that whereas one, Thomas Collup, of the said town is seized of a certain messuage, or inn there, called the King's Head, worth about one hundred pounds, and also hath in the hands of one, Leonard Battell, of Great Amwell, in the said county, yeoman, the sum of £200 more or thereabouts, as security against the claim of dower of Cicely, his now wife, in a certain estate sometime since sold by the said Thomas Collup, and the sum of forty pounds more in the hands of one, Edward Malyn, the elder, of the said parish of Ware, upon the like account. Now although his said wife is ready to join in a fine or other assurance for the giving up of her right in the aforesaid estate, and also to cutt of the intail upon the aforesaid messuage or inn (shee being jointured in the same). And although a daughter of his had been maintained at the charge of the said parish for about twelve years last past, and his said wife being ancient and past labour is now also become a charge to the same. Yet

the said Thomas Collup being a wilful and obstinate person chuses rather to begg his owne bread from door to door, and to suffer his said wife and daughter to become a charge as aforesaid, and the above-said inn to fall down for want of repairing, and the timber thereof to be stoln away than to join in the disposall of the said inn or getting in the aforesaid moneys to repair it withall, or to putt himself in some way to maintain his family as he ought to doe." The petitioners desire that Thomas Collup may be brought before the justices to "show cause wherefor hee should suffer such an heavy burthen to ly upon the said petitioners." Signatures on the back of the document.

263. 29 January. Certificate that John Amy, of Reed, has paid the overseers rate for the highway "of six pence the pound."

264. 9 March. Certificate that Robert de Luna, presented for not attending church, is a French merchant, of London, who had lately a country house at Cheshunt, and the deponent hath been many times to church with him. The said de Luna has now left the county of Hertford and gone to Hackney.

265. Certificate by Robert Bullock, of London, merchant, that he was with Robert De Luna, of Hackney, at the parish church of Hackney during the whole time of divine service and sermon, and that he verily believes that the said Robert De Luna "doth frequently resort to the said parish church and continue there during time of divine service and sermon, and that this deponent hath lately been with the said Robert De Luna (before he came to dwell at Hackney) several times at several churches established by law during the whole time of divine service and sermon."

284. 8 July. Certificate by some of the inhabitants of Sabridgworth, that that part of the King's highway in the parish of Sabridgworth, leading to Eastwick, commonly called Bonk's Hill, "which was lately presented for being impassable" is now repaired. Signatures.

285. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the highway

leading from Ware to Hertford in the parish of Great Amwell is in good repair.

286. Certificate by Wm. Fox, esq., justice of the peace, that he has found the bridge at Waltham Cross called Bucklersbury Bridge, and the bridge at Flamstead End both in good repair.

287. 16 August. Certificate that William Ferguson is "a man of a quiet and peaceable conversation, and . . . . sincerely conformable to the Church of England." Signed by Robert Neville, B.D., rector of Anesty, Joshua Greene, vicar of Hormead Magna; Stephen Nye, rector of Hormead Parva; Jo. Taylor, rector of Westmill; John Pyke, vicar of Weston; and Robert Anderson, vicar of Standon.

288. 1 Oct. Certificate that Matthew Orgar who has been warned to appear before the justices "is wondrous old, nearly ninety years, troubled with falling fitts, almost blind, very deaf, and unable to wait on you in person. Therefore, we humbly request that you will not look on him as a contemnor of authority but rather as a bis puer." Signatures.

289. 25 September. Certificate that the highway belonging to the parish of Throcking between New Chipping and Buntingford is in good repair.

294. 1 Oct. Certificate that the highway of Sabridgworth is in good repair.

310. 20 June. Account rendered to Mr. John Chauncey:—

For paper and printing 200 large orders of sessions touching vagrants at 12s. per hundred	01 04 00
For paper and printing 200 large orders of sessions touching servants' wages	01 04 00
For paper and printing 7 quires of small orders of sessions	00 12 00
	£03 00 00

Signed by Jo. Bellinger, and countersigned by John Chauncey.

352. Robert Fosters account for the repairing of Forebridge at Braughin :—

	£	s.	d.
"Paid to Jno. Humerstone for strakes, staples, and cart nayles	00	07	6
Paid to the carpenters for 2 dayes worke ...	00	03	4
Paid a labourer for 1 dayes worke	00	01	2
Pd. for 2 loads of stones to lay upon the bridge	00	01	0
For one days work carting of the stones and spreading of them	00	07	6
For my jorney to Hertford for a sessions order to amend Forebridge	00	02	6
Paid to Mr. Chancey for the order	00	02	6
For carrying the order to Esquire Goulston	00	01	0
Paid Wm. Sutton and Tho. Sutton for 4 dayes of carpenters' work to mend the bridge	00	08	0
Paid a labourer for 1 dayes worke	00	01	0
Paid for 18lbs. of iron work	00	06	0
Paid for 2 plankes laid upon the bridge ..	00	04	0
Paid for 8 load of stones used there	00	04	0
For carting of 4 loades of stones and spreading of them there	00	10	0
For carting the other 4 loads and laying of them in the cartruts	00	10	0
Paid for laying of stones into the rakes at Forebridge	00	04	0
	£3	13	6"

352a. 21 July. "A noate of the goods that Samuell Heming had with the widow Chandler when she went from Benington : "—

	£	s.	d.
"Item two flock beds	0	12	0
Item one fether bolster and a fether piller ...	0	10	0
Item a flock bolster	0	2	6
Item three blankets	0	10	0
Item one joyne bead	0	6	8
Item two chests	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Item two boxes	0	3	0
Item two tables	1	0	0
Item one good brass kittel	0	16	0
Item one brass skillet	0	4	0
Item one eyorn porage pot	0	2	0
Item one worming pann	0	2	6
Item one freying pann	0	1	2
Item a pare of andierns	0	1	6
Item a pare of tonges	0	0	6
Item a pare of pott hookes	0	2	0
Item a slice	0	0	5
Item a grigen	0	0	9
Item a tosten eyorn	0	0	2
Item one axe	0	0	6
Item one linen wheel	0	1	6
Item one forme table	0	0	8
Item one joyne forme	0	2	6
Item one jine [?] cubard	0	5	0
Item a fork	0	0	4
Item one littell kittle	0	4	0
Item 3 pair of sheets	1	0	0
Item two tubes	0	4	0
Item two paills and a bole	0	2	0
Item two table cloathes	0	7	6
Item 4 basse chairs	0	4	0
Item one lantorne...	0	0	7
Item one fire shovel	0	0	6
Item a paire of pott hangers	0	1	8
Item one bedsted	0	2	6
Item one great cimnill	0	2	0
Item one coverlid	0	6	8
Som is ...	£8	6	8

Prized and praised by me, John Archer, overseer."

Ordered that all these goods be delivered up before the next sessions and pursuant to an order of last session.

353. "Mr. Chauncey, his bill for the county delivered in at Midsomer session, 1683 :—

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr. Bellringer's bill for printing the orders of sessions, about servants' wages, rogues and vagabonds, and distributing moneys...	03	00	00
My paynes in writing out and fitting the copyes to be printed, correcting the printer, and getting them printed	00	13	04
Bringing them down from London and portridge [*i.e.* porterage]	00	01	08
Paid for the statutes against recusancy	00	08	00
Paid for drawing up the *premunire* and advising upon St. Albans indictment	00	11	08
Paid for the velvett cushions for the assizes ribbon box, with lock and key, portridge and carriage	11	15	08
	£16	10	04"

354. 5 July. Mr. Reynolds' account for the cushions for the assizes. "Bought of John Raynolds living at the Fox and Crowne in Fleet Street : —

	£	s.	d.
Paid for 4 yrds. of chrimson ingraine velvet, at 23s. 6d. a yard	4	14	0
For 9 ouncis of chrimson ingraine silk and gould seameing at 3s. 6d. an ounce is	1	11	6
For 8 chrimson ingraine and gould tarsells mead of the best fashion at 7s. a piece	2	16	0
For 2 bags of tickeing to the 2 chushins ...	0	12	0
For 18 pounds of fine fethers downe and all at 14d. a pound comes to just...	01	1	7
For workemanshep to make the 2 velvet chushions, finding thread	0	7	6
	11	2	7
For a large deale box with a locke and key at ...	0	6	0
	£11	8	7"

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401. Recognizance for the appearance of Sampson Tibballs, locksmith, and William Skegg, grocer, both of Layston, to give evidence against Daniel Gates, concerning "certain scandalous and seditious words by him spoken against the King's Majestie and the government for which he stands indicted."

404. Recognizance for the appearance of William Disher to answer for speaking seditious words against the King and his government.

413. Recognizance for the appearance of John Searle *alias* Savill, to make answer to a charge brought against him by Nicholas Field, of Ware, fisherman, and Thomas Phillpott, of the same, bricklayer, "for severall abuses and ill language which he . . . did in their hearing speake" against Sir Thomas Byde, knt., and Skinner Byde, esq., one of H.M. justices of the peace.

449. Recognizance for the appearance of Edward Shepheard to answer a charge brought against him by John Holgar, one of the constables of Sabridgworth, for abusing and disarming the watch by taking their staves away, and for having "great disorder" in his house "about twelve of the clock in the night."

470. 26 April. The information of Thomas Phillpott, of Ware, bricklayer, and Nicholas Field, of the same place, fisherman, and Robert Story, concerning what was said by John Searle *alias* Savill against Sir Thomas Byde and Skinner Byde, esq., at the house of Joseph Benson, at the White Hart, Ware, on the 31st March, about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening.

490. Presentment that the King's highway in the parish of Buntingford Westmill, leading from Buntingford towards Ware, two miles in length, and also the King's highway in the parish of Standon, leading from Buntingford to Ware, two and a-half miles in length are in want of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Buntingford Westmill and Standon respectively.

491. Presentment of Edward Mihill and James Ireland, of Chesthunt, surveyors of the highways for Chesthunt Street Ward "for not mending the highway within Chesthunt Street Ward aforesaid."

495. Presentment of John Putnam, of Bovingdon, and his wife "for not receiving the sacrament for 12 months last past."

498. Presentment of George Hampton [?], of Gravely, "for stopping up a watercourse in Gravely parish and turning of it into the highway between Gravely and Stevenage."

499. 14 July. Presentment by the constables of Ware, that by order of "the worshipful Esquire Allen" justice of the peace, they had seized 26 quarters and 2 bushels of malt, for a seditious conventicle of Thomas Burr, at Pattmore Heath, in the parish of Albury, which malt they have still on their hands to their great damage for shop rent, they having made an outcry for the sale of the same, and nobody will give any money for it. They also present that by order of Sir Benjamin Mattox, a justice of the peace, they seized a gelding of the same Thomas Burr, for a seditious conventicle and meeting held in the street of Broxborne, which in like manner nobody would buy.

501. Presentments of James Stretcher, of Bishop's Stortford, for being "a common rayler;" and of Arthur Wingford, of Bishop Stortford, for stopping a watercourse at the Mashgate, "being annoyance to the highway leading from Starford to Hadham."

503. Presentment of Ralph Say "for new erecting of posts and rales and a turnstile in the King's highway in the town of Standon over against his own door."

504. Presentment of Thomas Medcalfe "for drawing of beere in divine service time;" and of John Parker "for going out of nights to destroy partridges, hares, and pheasants."

521. Indictment of William Disher, of Enfield, for using seditious words (*inter alia*), "I have it under the King's privy signet to go to what conventicle I please, where I please, and how I please."

556. Indictment of Mathew Harwood, of Amwell, laborer, for refusing to give evidence in the open court at quarter sessions against Joseph Cressey, saying that it was unlawful to swear.

561. Indictment of Ralph Say, of Standon, laborer, for erecting a turnstile on the highway there.

581. Order of sessions that "within one month next ensueing" Daniel Young shall lay open the portion of the highway which he has enclosed between Luffenhall, in the parish of Yardley, and Brookfield.

584. Memorandum that on Sunday, 20th January, 1683-4, a conventicle was held in a barn of John Knight, at Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxborne, at which the following persons were present:—The said John Knight, Henry Essex, Sarah, wife of John Fisher, Henry Fisher, Joan Grey, widow, Jonah Pierce, and Thomas Crawley, all of Hoddesdon; Thomas Plummer, of St. Margarets; John Boy, Thomas Burr, John Adams, and Richard Fordham, of Ware; Matthew Harold, Gregory Tingay, and Anne, his wife, and John Hadgly, of Amwell Magna; Thomas Lamb, of Hunsdon; William Green, of Eastwick; James Adams, and Mary, his wife, and Martha Pank, widow, of Broxborne; Henry Feast, of Roydon; John Baker, of Waltham Abbey; and Daniel Mordel, of Epping, in the county of Essex.

585. Memorandum that on Sunday, 17 February, 1683-4, a conventicle was held "in the open street or highway" at Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxborne, at which the following persons were present, viz.:—Jonah Pierce, and Mary, his wife, Henry Essex, Thomas Crawley, and Joan Gray, widow, all of Hoddesdon; Thomas Burr, and Martha, his wife, and Anne, wife of John Adams, of Ware; Joan, wife of William Simpson, Richard Potter, John Hadgly, and Lydia, wife of William Hadgly, of Amwell Magna; Thomas Plummer, of St Margarets; Samuel Budd, of Hertford; and Wheeler Budd, of Wormly; William Green, whose place of habitation is not known, Richard Pritlove, of Thoydon-Garnon, Essex; and Henry Rayner, of Epping, Essex. And that warrants have been directed to the constables

of Hoddsdon, Amwell Magna, and Ware, to levy penalties upon the offenders living in those parishes, and that the penalties of the rest of the offenders have been imposed upon Richard Potter, Thomas Burr, and Thomas Crawley.

587. 7 April. The petition of the churchwardens, overseers, and other inhabitants of Hatfield :—

"That whereas at the last general quarter sessions . . at Hertford . . one, William Wilson with his wife and 4 children were taken at Hertford as vagrants and brought before the bench, and upon examination there the said William Wilson declared that his last settlement (which was about ten years ago) was at Hatfield, and that he never had any settlement since that time, but hath wandered and begged abroad, and that he knows not the place of his birth. It was then ordered . . that he with his wife and children should be conveyed to Hatfield, there to be settled and provided for according to law, and accordingly were brought thither and there provided for hitherto, in obedience to the said order. Now the said inhabitants humbly sue to this worshipful bench to take into consideration how that the said Willson, when he parted from Hatfield, had neither wife nor child living, and that the said inhabitants have some suspicion that he was never lawfully married to this woman whom he calls his wife, and have required him to produce a lawfull certificate to this court to prove when, where, and by whom he was married to her, which if he fails to do they humbly conceive that neither the woman nor children ought to be imposed upon Hatfield (none of the children being born in the said parish so far as they can learn or find), and if he produce no such certificate they humbly beg assistance of this court to discharge them of the said children and order them to be conveyed to the respective places of their births if by law it may be done."

588. The petition of William Church, of Ware, bargman:—

"It is not unknown but that your petitioner was in the late war against the Dutch, in the same shipp where Sir Thomas Leventhorp was in, called the *St. Andrew*, Capt. Pynes being commander of the said shipp, and did his

Majesty true and faithful service, being wounded and much disabled therein. Your petitioner doth most humbly desire your worshipps to comiserate his condition, being very poore, ancient and crazy, and almost past his labour, to grant your poore petitioner to be admitted his Majesty's pension this sessions in the roome of Matthew Browne, his Majesty's pentioner, lately deceased."

589. The petition of Thomas Bridgeman, Thomas Gynne, John Benton, William Parnell, and John Disher, inhabitants of the parish of Endfield, co. Middx.;—Sets forth that the petitioners are tenants of the Duke of Albemarle, "for severall messuages and lands lying in the said parish of Endfield" where they "with their families dwell and inhabit, and have been so for many years past;" and that they are also tenants to the said Duke of some lands lying in the parish of Chesthunt, in the county of Hertford. They have not a "ploughland in tillage or pasture" in the county of Hertford. They have been charged with the repair of highways in the parish of Enfield, but have not been so charged in Chesthunt. They complain, however, that lately they have been indicted for not mending the highways in the parish of Chesthunt, where they "live not nor have not any plough land," and they desire that the bench will examine in o the matter. Appended is a statement by the petitioners as to the amount of their holdings. For particulars see No. 604.

590. "The complaint and request of Thomas Gan e, prisoner in the county goal." Showing "That the said prisoner lying very weak and sick of the smallpox under clo e confinement in the said goale is of late sometimes not permitted to have necessary food brought in to him by his friends which together with his straight confinement and present distemper tends not only to destroy him but to the endangering of many other prisoners:—so not doubting your knowledge of the provision the law makes for prisoners in the like case, requiring both under-sheriffs, gaolers, etc., to permit prisoners at their will and pleasure to send and have any beere, ale, victualls and other necessary food where and from whence they please, etc., and that upon paine of loosing

their office, etc." The petitioner desires therefore that his case may be taken into consideration.

597. 25 March. Certificate by two justices of the peace that a certain common footpath leading from Walkerne to Weston, for which Henry Kent, of Walkerne, was presented, is in good repair.

606. Certificate by Sir Henry Chauncy that the King's highway called Old Field Street in Weston, for which the inhabitants of Weston were indicted, is in good repair.

607. Certificate by Sir Henry Chauncey that the highway leading from Baldock to Gravely is in good repair.

608. 11th July. Certificate by J. Brackley to the justices of the peace for Hertfordshire. That according to the information given by the principal inhabitants of Northchurch, Ralph Hodson, of the said parish, labourer, is destitute of a house and unable to take one "for that his wife is distracted," and the church house being full of poor people, "viz., five several families, and near adjoining to several thatched houses and barns which will be in great danger to be burned down through the distraction of the said Hodson's wife;" the inhabitants desire that a house may be built for the said Hodson "in some convenient place upon the waste" to be appointed by the lord of the manor of Northchurch, "which is his sacred majesty" at the charge of the said parish . . . The said parish of Northchurch was some few years since burnt down by thrusting several families into one house.

610. Certificate by two justices of the peace that the highways between Wadesmill and Puckridge, in the parish of Stondon, for which the inhabitants stand indicted upon several indictments, are at present in good repair.

612. Certificate that John Andrew, of Stevenage, who was lately indicted for erecting a cottage and not laying four acres of ground to it, has pulled down the said cottage. Signatures.

614. Certificate by some of the inhabitants of Epping, in the county of Essex, that Sarah, wife of Richard Young, of Epping, cooper, who was accused of pocket-picking when she was

"about her lawfull and honest imploy of buying small wares and wallnutts" at Sabridgworth fair, is "a very honest and well-behaved woman, not given to pilfer or steale," and that they believe her to be falsely accused.

615. Certificates by John Aston, lord of the manor, Jo. Wade, vicar, and others of the inhabitants of Stondon, that the posts, rails, and turnstile, set up by Ralph Say, near his house, and for which he was presented, are "noe nusance or prejudice to the highway, the same being only sett up on the causey or church path by the highway side to keep off cattell from comeing upon it, that the people may walke the dryer to church."

616. "Thomas Meddlicott, of Chesthunt, formerly one of Oliver Cromwell's owne troop, a great and constant companion of Rombald's who hath been an holder-forth at Hackney amongst the Anabaptists, never was at his parish church that any can tell of this 20 years a great ring-leader and lawgiver amongst all the phanaticks, one that hath paid his debts by swearing himself not worth £10 though he lives plentifully; by which he cheated a Scotch gentleman of £500 and would not pay him so much as one penny to beare his charges back again to Scotland, as Hardinge, the constable of Cheshunt, can witness. When he was sent for to the sessions at Waltham Cross he professed himself to be a seeker, and that there is no church in the world pure enough for him to communicate withall. If he be not made to comply with the church the rest of the phanaticks will never be brought to any compliance. He was chosen church-warden by the parish but would never execute any of the justices' warrants."

618. Certificate by Francis Ellaby, high constable, that by virtue of an estreat under the hand and seale of Mr. Thomas Richards, clerk of the peace of the liberty of St. Albans, he has levied by distress on the goods of the inhabitants of Watford £102 0s. 0d. according to the said estreat, and has received the said £102 0s. 0d. by the hands of Mr. John Warburton and Mr. Thomas Ayre, inhabitants of Watford.

623. Jan. 14. Letter from Geo. Benn, at Puckridge, to Mr. John Chauncey in reference to a lane leading from Braughing to Furnix Pelham for which the parish of Braughing is presented.

626. 11 Jan. St. Albans. Letter from Mr. Tho. Richards to Mr. John Chauncey :—

"My business falls out soe that I cannot possibly waite on you on Munday, so must desire your pardon for my non-attendance. There is a Quakers' meeting constantly held every Sunday at Wood Greene, in Hemelhempstead parish, Mr. Marston one of the high constables of Dacorum hundred lives hard by and I don't hear hee ever disturbed them. I thought fitt to acquaint you with it that you may admonish Marston."

629 & 630. Letters in reference to two constables who refused to join with the other officers in presenting dissenters.

636. 7 Oct. Letter from R. Harrison to Mr. Chauncy :—

"It is so bad a wett day to-day that having gott a little cold yesterday I dare not venture myselfe abroade to-day, therefore I begg the favour of you to acquaint the bench how farr wee have gone with our house of correction and to move them for a further supply. If we could get £200 more we might doe the worke handsomely, but gett what you can.

"There were two little businesses that wee did at our petty sessions tother day by order of your quarter sessions. The one was upon a difference between the two parishes of All Saints' and St. John's concerning Mr. John Heath's lands which we have settled thus ;—that Mr. John Heath shall pay weekly to All Saints, 5d.; and to St. John's 2d.; this is for the poores' rate. The other was concerning the corporation about a pooresrates in St. John's for their lands in King's Meade;—we have ordered that instead of 4d. a week that they were rated at, they shall now pay but 3d., for both which matters I desire there may be two orders of quarter sessions to confirm them."

638. 25 Oct. Letter from Jo. Bellinger (*sic*) to Mr. John Chauncey with his account for printing various orders of sessions relating to tobacco, servants' wages, etc., (See No. 353.)

727. Printed licence for John Babb, of Hertford, to be a "common higler, loader kidder, carrier, buyer and seller of henns, chickens, capons, eggs, butter, cheese, fish, and other dead victuals (except pheasants, hares, and partridges) in any open market or fair, within this kingdom of England."

728. "An account of what money was expended in defending the indictment brought against Dacorum hundred for not repairing High Bridge: "—

	£	s.	d.
"Paid the clerk of assize for entring the appearance at the assizes and copy of the indictment...	00	07	06
Paid Mr. Chaucy for attending	00	03	6
Paid at the next assizes	00	07	06
Paid Mr. Richards his fee for his attendance (?)	00	03	08
Entring the traverse	00	15	00
Paid Mr. Chauncy his fee	00	05	00
Paid councel at the trial	00	10	00
Paid Mr. Chauncy his fee	00	05	00
Paid the clerk of assize fees in court ...	00	15	08
Paid the sheriffe for returning the jury ...	00	12	00
Paid the clerk of assize in court	00	12	00
Paid his clerk	00	04	00
Paid the cryer	00	07	06
Paid the jury	00	12	00
	06	00	02"

732. 25 Nov. Bill of Richard Dane, of Widdial, for materials and work for New Bridge and Buntingford Bridge:—

	£	s.	d.
"For 142 foot of oken plank at 3½d. the foot...	2	1	5
For 2 rayells for the wharf	0	1	10
For a post	0	1	4
For a spur	0	0	6
For nayles	0	0	9

	£	s.	d.
For 3 dayes work for my son	0	5	0
For 3 dayes work of Richard Hulet	0	3	2
For 3 days work of my man and brother ...	0	4	6
Given to William Hanscom for keeping the key	0	1	0
Payed for carridge	0	5	0
At Buntingford Bridge :—			
For 100 foot of oken plank for the wharf and bridge	1	0	10
For 6 rayles for the wharf	0	6	0
For a post of 6 foot long	0	1	6
For 3 shitells for the bridge	0	1	0
For a spur	0	0	8
For a peice of timber to bare up the joyse ...	0	2	2
For 2 standards at the end of the bridge ...	0	1	8
For 2 palins and 4 foote of quarters	0	1	0
For a hooke for the turnpike	0	0	9
For nayles	0	1	2
For 2½ dayes of myself	0	4	2
For 2 dayes worke of Wm. Bray	0	3	2
For 1 dayes work of my son	0	1	8
For 2 dayes work ½ of my man...	0	3	9
For half-a-dayes work of John Alldridge ...	0	0	7
For maturalls and work dun by Thomas Dane	0	2	6
The sum is	5	17	1"

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1685.

1. 17 June. Order of the justices to the constables, headboroughs, and others, of Ware, reciting that there are divers persons of the said town dissenting from the present government, who may be dangerous, especially in this time of the rebellion of the Duke of Monmouth, if care be not taken to prevent them; the following are therefore ordered to appear before them on the 22nd June, at the George Inn, at Ware, with sufficient sureties for their keeping the peace:— Thomas Johnson, draper; John Lestinge, John Larke,

Arthur Garvis, William Hollan, William Johnson, senr.; William Johnson, junior, John Lattin, Samuel Allis, Henry Peach, Thomas Ainger, Edward Peach, Thomas Gothrige, David Dye, Christopher Greene, Mr. William Collett, William Rowe, Mr. Edward Godfrey, Mary Thornell, Robert Clemenson.

2. 18 June. Similar order to the constables, etc., of Hertingfordbury, in respect of Thomas Grut, James Hawghton, and Mark Norrice. They are to appear at "the Glove and Dolphin" inn, in Hertford.

3. 18 June. Similar order to the constables, etc., of Branfield (*sic*), in respect of Thomas Templeman and John Stoughton.

4. 18 June. Similar order to the constables, etc., of Bengeo, in respect of Joseph Grey.

5. Midsummer Sessions. Notes of committals and discharges *Committed*—Owen Love, for inciting persons to rise for the late Duke of Monmouth. Charles Etheridge, as a disaffected person to the government and who formerly was a preacher at conventicles.

Thomas Baldock, Thomas Mosse, John Mosse, Anthony Fage, Thomas Fage, disaffected persons to the government, refused to be bound for their good behaviour and also refused to take the oath of allegiance. Richard Thomas, a person formerly in arms against King Charles I. and therefore committed according to the late order. Thomas Grubb as a disaffected person to the government and refusing to go to church.

Discharged—William Collett, Richard Seale, of Ware; William Craven, Robert Smith, Thomas Beverley, Zachary Feild, James Feild, Thomas Middleton, Thomas Leigh, William Bennett, Robert Tite, John Barfoot, William Gardiner, Gabriel Barber, doctor in physic; John Tuffnell, Daniel Tuffnell, and William Smitheman, committed as disaffected persons, have entered into recognizances with good sureties to keep his Majesty's peace and be of good behaviour.

8. Recognizance of Robert Pritchard to appear at the next quarter sessions and to give evidence against John Thorpe, of Essenden, as to several "dangerous" words spoken by him.

17. Recognizances of Phillip Bright, of Stertford, and John Ainsworth, for the former to appear at the next quarter sessions and answer a charge, brought against him by the inhabitants of Stertford, concerning some threatening speeches given out by him, to wit that he would go away from them and leave his wife and children upon the said parish.

19. Recognizance of John Waterman. Mentions a house called "the Horseshoes," in the parish of Thundritch.

37. Recognizance of Joseph Bangham, of Stortford, dyer, and Nicholas Tyler, of the same, carpenter, to appear at the next sessions to give evidence against John Ederidge, of Stortford, baker, concerning certain false news spread abroad by him to the disservice of his Majesty.

58. Recognizance of John Lesteridge, of Ware, to appear at the next quarter sessions to answer a charge which should be brought against him on his Majesty's behalf, of being disaffected to the government.

79. Recognizances of Phillip Shittlton [senior], Phillip Shittlton, junior, John Spicer, John Clerke, and John Hoseman, all of Cheshunt, to appear at the next quarter sessions, for having bought partridges and pheasants in Hertford market. (See also No. 82.)

90. Information given by Thomas Wells, who said that "William Norman and Jo. Mills with two others came over to him and askt him to play at football, but that was not the business; 'twas to goe and be listed for the Duke of Monmouth." A list of names follows under "Barkhamsteed" of persons bound over, some in £50 and some in £100.

100. A list of charges against William Barnes. He is charged amongst other things with unlawfully keeping "setting dogges, netts, and other engines" to destroy the partridges and other game in the manor of Bushey.

104-106. A list of persons presented for absenting themselves from their parish churches.

107. Presentments of the grand jury.—The parish of Standon for "an highway through Odey Feild leading into great road," for being out of repair for three poles in length and half-a-pole in breadth; Anne Newton, of the same, for turning a watercourse into the highway in Odey Field, in Standon; and the same for not scouring her ditches in a highway leading from Hues Green to Odey Green, in the parish of Standon, ten poles in length on both sides of the way. A list of persons presented for absenting themselves from their parish church.

109. Presentment of Luke Buld, of Bishop's Stortford, for being "a common pocher."

110. Presentment of William Crooks, of Hunsdon, "for not working with a whole team, that is to say, of four horses, but only with two horses in the highways at Hoddesdon." Presentment of William Crookey, for carrying a greater weight in his waggon than the law allows.

117. Presentment of the highway leading from Collier's End to Puckeridge as being out of repair.

124. Presentment that a common cart bridge in the parish of Sawbridgeworth, leading from Hatfield to Sawbridgeworth and in a common way there, is in great decay and ought to be repaired, and that the inhabitants of the county ought to repair the same.

125. Presentment of John Thorpe, late of Essenden, labourer, for speaking certain malicious and opprobrious words concerning the King that is, that "he wished that they were hanged that first made the Act of Parliament for the hearth money" and other such words.

126. Presentment that four ditches lying between "Kittle Greene and Odey Greene," in the parish of Standon, are in great decay, and that Ann Newton, of Standon, ought to cleanse them.

184. Indictment of Robert Gooding, of Braughin, labourer, as "a

common poacher and destroyer of game," and for having "killed with a gunn" certain hares, rabbits, partridges, and pheasants.

137. Presentment of Richard Buckle, of Chesthunt, labourer, "a common poacher," for keeping a "setting dog" to hunt and set partridges.

138. Presentment of William Crooke, late of Hunsden, for having taken a large and unlawfully heavy waggon over the highway at Hunsden, to the damage of the said highway.

142. Presentment of John Lacy, late of Cottered, labourer, and Robert Wright, late of the same, for having caught with a trap and other engines and carried away two hares, six pheasants, and six partridges.

146. Indictment of Thomas Cocke, of Bengeo, farmer, and Edward Dutton, of the same, weaver, with many other ill-doers, for having unlawfully assembled on the king's highway near a place called Porthill, in the parish of Bengeo, and then and there cut down, burnt and consumed with fire a certain post, commonly called the Corporation Post, placed there to mark the bounds of the borough of Hertford.

147. Indictment of Nathaniel Oliver, late of Barkway, and Nicholas Norris, of the same, both of them being over the age of sixteen years, for non-attendance at their parish church.

154. Indictment of John Etheridge, late of Stortford, baker, for speaking the following false words against the King, "that where the king had one on his side, the Duke of Monmouth had thirty, and where the said King's health was drunke once, the said Duke's was drunke tenne tymes."

156. Indictment of Samuel Browne, late of Stevenage, clerk, for neglecting his hedges and fences in a place called Little Berryfield, otherwise Berrystead, in the parish of Stevenage.

157. Indictment of William Constable, late of Stortford, for carrying on the trade of a cheesemonger without a license.

158. Indictment of Richard Freelove, of Bushey, for keeping greyhounds to hunt and chase hares and rabbits.

161. Indictment of William Pepper, of "Sabridgeworth" for carrying on the trade of a baker without a license.

162. Indictment of William Barnes, of Bushey, labourer, for keeping "setting dogs" without having the requisite property qualification.

167. 22 January, 36 Charles II. Order, for the appearance at the next quarter sessions of Daniel Young, of Yardley, convicted for enclosing a common way in Brookfield, in Yardley, to show cause for his not having paid the penalty imposed on him.

171. 3 August. Memorandum that upon the 2nd of August, 1685, a conventicle or unlawful assembly was held partly in a barn or outhouse and partly in the open street or highway, adjoining the said barn at Hodsdon, in the parish of Broxburn.

A list of names follows of persons (all of whom were over the age of sixteen years) who were convicted of having been present at the assembly, "under colour and pretence of the execise of religion in other manner, than according to the liturgy and practice of the Church of England. John Knight, of Hodsdon, was convicted of "sufferring" the said conventicle, the outhouse or barn being in his tenure and occupation.

172. Memorandum, to the same effect, of an unlawful assembly held in the open street at Hodsdon, on the 25th of October, 1685.

173. 10 January. Petition signed by the vicar and others of the parish of Standon:—"Whereas divers persons, in the parish of Standon, stand indicted for retaining inmates, and whereas, at present, there cannot be found convenient habitations in the said parish, for those poor people which are inmates in distinct dwelling houses;" the petitioners therefore pray that the said inmates "may abide in the houses, where they are," till better provision can be made for them.

175. Petition of William Barnes, indicted for taking "setting dogs" into the manor of Bushey, without the consent of Sir William Perkyns, lord of the manor.

176. Petition of Joseph Finch, of Ware, bargeman, in which he states that he served his late Majesty "in the wars against the Dutch in several shipps, that is say: in the *Fame*, a fyer shipp, Captain John Gibbons; in the *Amsterdam Bull*, Captain John Gibbons, captain thereof; in the *Royal James* [under] Prince Rupert and Sir Thomas Allen; and in the *Old James* with Captain Story." Being wounded in the wars, he was set on shore and was attended at his own cost by Mr. Archer, of Hertford. He had a promise from Sir John Watts of the next county pension, and this has now occurred by the drowning at Stansted on the previous night of Nathaniel Messenger. The petition is supported by the vicar of Ware, and others, whose signatures appear.

180. 7 January. Certificate by Charles Baggaley, rector of Datchworth, and others, that John Warwick and Thomas Cutbert, of the said parish, formerly indicted as dissenters from the church, have since that time "frequently resorted to the parish church of Datchworth, and have there decently and reverently behaved themselves during Divine service."

185. 27 April. Certificate by Sir William Lytton and Sir Charles Cleaver, justices, of the good repair of the highway leading from Graveley to Stevanage, for which the inhabitants of Stevenage had been indicted.

186. Certificate that Daniel Young "hath laid the way open into Bruckfeild, and hung up the gate" according to the order of sessions.

187. Certificate of the good repair of the highway leading from Baldock towards Stevenage, for which the inhabitants of Graveley had been indicted.

188. Certificate that the inhabitants of Little Wymondley had repaired their part of the same highway.

192. Certificate of the good repair of the highway from Royston to Reed Mill, called London Hill, for which the inhabitants of Tharfield were indicted in 1683; and the highway from Buckland to Reed for which the inhabitants of Tharfield and Reed were together indicted.

201. Certificate by Thomas Wilson, curate, that Daniel Skingle and James Gatward, of Much Munden, who stand bound on account of their "being notorious dissenters and utterly disaffected to the government," have not been seen by him at divine service since the time of their being bound; and although the said James Gatward "did appear at his parish church upon the day this certificate was written, it was not before the public prayers of the church were ended."

204. Certificate by John Plummer and Phillip Elliott, curate, of Widford, that John Parker, of the parish of Ware, is a constant frequenter of church, but by that reason of his house being three miles distant from his parish church, he is sometimes forced to go to other churches. He was lately presented for being absent from his parish church for three Sundays, but each of those times was at the parish church of Widford, being nearer to his house.

207. 8 January. Letter from Henry Monson to Mr. John Chancey, at Hertford, begging him to get a certain John Cock, of Cheshunt, now presented for being absent from church, discharged, as there is nothing particular alleged against him, "but that in the last rebellion, he, with many other fanaticks of Cheshunt were bound to their good behaviour."

215. 11 January. Hyde Hall. Letter from R. Jocelyn to Mr. Chancey asking for instructions as to entering an indictment against the inhabitants of the county for the bridge on the highway leading from Hatfield to Sawbridgeworth, commonly called High Bridge, which is out of repair and almost impassable.

216. Letter dated 11th January, from Henry Blow to John Chauncy:—"I having an inn fallen into my hands lately, put in a servant [there], who brewed beer and sold it for me, rather than my house should stand empty. It happened that the exciseman gave notice to my servants (*sic*), but two days before the commissioners sat at Hoddesdon; and I being then in London and my family being very sick of the smallpox, was surprised in the payment of the money. I therefore desire you to assist me in this affair, that I be not fined by the justices. I desired to be

present but Sir Thomas Stringer has commanded me to attend him upon business of my lord Duke of Albemarle. And for the lining of the stable that I promised, and other things, shall be done next week without fail."

220. Letter dated Whitehall, 7th July, from the Earl of Middleton to the Earl of Bridgewater :—

"The King having received advise of the entire defeate of the rebells, I send your lordship enclosed an account thereof, and am, by his Majesty's command further to acquaint you, that to prevent the escape of such of the rebells, as are not yet taken, his Majesty would have you give strict orders and take all possible care, by placeing guardes and otherwise apprehending and securing all persons whatsoever who shall be found travelling up and downe, and are not very well knowne, and also for searching all suspitious places and houses for any of the rebells or their abettors, and employ your utmost care and diligence herein, and for preventing all further risings or other disorders."

221. Letter, dated Bridgewater House, 8th July, from the Earl of Bridgewater to the justices of the peace of the county of Hertford, sending them a copy of the above letter and its enclosure, and desiring them to be active in securing suspicious persons.

On the back of this letter are some rough notes as to persons bound by recognizance. Some of these recognizances are stated to be for saying that "The D[uke] of M[onmouth] was upon his march with four-score thousand men," and for being "suspicious" against the Government.

222. Letter dated Clements Inn, 10th July, from William Hutchinson to John Chauncy. Has received a summons to attend on a jury, but is exempt, under the great seal, from such attendance. He is aged and deaf, and no longer able to be a magistrate (in which capacity he served eight years) and is certainly unfit to be a juror. He continues :—"This is the first summons I ever yet received, nor was I of any jury in my life, nor do our parish of Aldenham offer to put any office upon me. I have not, since I did see you, been with the judge ; but I have sent the draught of this monu-

ment to my Lord Bishop of Oxon for his approbation, and desired him to return it, and an inscription as his lordship thinketh fit to order to it; as also to procure a discharge from the University for you and me for mortalitye's sake; so I must wayt till Thursday next in town to give directions about it, and for dispatch of some business I have with the council of the Queen Dowager."

226. Letter dated "Ardeley," 3rd October, from "Mr. H. Chauncey to his brother Mr. John Chauncey, at St. Albans," referring to a certain Daniel Young, indicted for stopping-up a common way leading from Luffenhale to Brookefield.

232. Letter dated at St. Albans, 9th October, from Thomas Richards to "his brother," John Chauncey, as to the sessions being adjourned to the following Tuesday to "The Glove" at Hertford.

236-302. The returns of the constables (made for a session to be held at the "Red Lion," at Royston), for the parishes at Sandon, Ashwell, Radwell, Tharfield, Royston, Cloathall, Yeardley, Cottered, Wallington, Rushden, Hoddesdon, and Hinxworth, for a session to be held at "The Red Lyon," at Royston.

Presentments for not attending church, &c.

306. A list of Quakers in prison 10th January:—Thomas Moss, Robert Gody, Len. Lawndy, Jo. Exton, Sa. Dunn, Jo. Parcker, Jo. Raylet, Jo. Fisher, Jo. Clements, Tho. Game, Hen. Hewlet, Hen. Eeex [Essex?], Stephen (?) Fetherston.

308. Account of William Newman, one of the Surveyors of highways of the parish of Stondon, 2nd January, 1684-5. Amongst the items:—"For work done at Ware Pond bridge and for materialls, 11s. 6d.; to Thomas Lowin for workmanship at Labden bridge, 18s. 11d." Endorsed "For Puckeridge walk."

312. Account of Henry Randall, surveyor for Popwell walk, in the parish of Standon, from January, 1683-4, to January, 1684-5:—"John Gardener for watching the bridge one night when the arch of it was downe, 1s."

313. Account of Robert Foster, of Braughing, for the repair of Fore Bridge in that parish, from 3rd March, 1683-4, to 24th March, 1684-5, £5 8s. 4d.

315. Account of the money paid for the repair of Wadesmill Bridge, £3 9s. 9d.

321-342. Lists of Jurors.

1686.

380. The information of Anne Allmond, of Bishop's Stortford, spinster.

"The informant deposes that on Tuesday, the 13 April, 1686, about evening, there came into the house of John Reeve, being the White Lyon, in Stortford, Joseph Bangham, of the same town, dyer, and there continued drinking and sometimes singing in company till about ten o'clock at night. She knows no business of trade or the like that he was there upon. When Harris Salter, apprentice to William Sanders, apothecary of the same town, came over as a messenger from John Yardley, "Dr. in Physick," one of his Majesty's justices of the peace of the county of Hertford, to Edward Ashby, one of the said company, to require him to come over the way to the said justice, this informant carried the message from the said Harris Salter to the said Edward Ashby, and she telling him the justice would speak with him, he said he would go over to him: whereupon the aforesaid Joseph Bangham did curse and used very ill words, but cannot tell certainly whether he cursed Edward Ashby for going or the justice for sending for him and said, with two oathes at least, that he wished he had been sent for by the justice to see what he would say to him, and said farther that the justice had nothing to do with him.

"The said informant further saith that, a while after, when the said justice came over the way in person to the White Lyon and spoke to him the said Joseph Bangham as he sat alone on the bench behind the table he did but just stirre his hatt and clapt it on again and so sat on his tayle, and being bid to go home by the said justice, in the same posture,

he made answer he would go when he had made an end of his drink!

"And when the justice was returned home, he being blamed by this informant for speaking so saucily and for keeping his hat on and for sitting before the justice, he made his brag that he did not stir, as also at that his answer that he gave the justice, vizt., that he would make an end of his drinke before he stirred; and this he vapoured of as if he had done a great action.

"This informant farther saith that he said Joseph Bangham, she believes, was not drunk when he spoke these words and committed this misbehaviour."

The information of Harris Salter:—"This informant deposes that being sent over the way to the house of John Reeve, at the White Lyon, on April 13th last past, about half-an-hour past ten o'clock at night, in the justices name to require the said John Reeve, the master of the said victualling house, to come over the way to the said justice to give account of the great noise that was there in his house, he the said Harris Salter brought word that the said Reeve was gone to bed. Being sent back again to Edward Ashby (who he said was there in the company that committed the disorder) he delivered the message that the justice would have Ashby come over to him. Joseph Bangham of the said town, dyer, being one of the company said to Ashby who was about to go to the justice 'A plague of God rot him, don't go; you are a fool if you go,' and said this several times. Edward Ashby replied he was not in beer (and) he would go over to the justice. Joseph Bangham thereupon farther said, 'I wish I were to go; if the justice had sent for me I would have gone, for I know well enough how to speak to a justice,' and then repeated it again to Ashby that he was a fool if he went and said moreover. 'By God, we come to be merry.' What words followed after this, this informant knows not, he going back with this account to the justice."

381. The information of Abraham Durrington, of Bishop's Stortford, blacksmith. "This informant deposes that being on April 13th, 1686, at the White Lyon, drinking together in

company with Joseph Bangham, of Bishop's Stortford, dyer; Edward Johnson, of the same, tailor; Edward Ashby, of the same, draper; and John Almond, butcher; and Thomas Barker, ship-carpenter, both (*sic*) of London, about ten o'clock at night Anne Almond, servant to John Reeve, master of the house, brought in a message from John Yardley, Dr. in physick, one of his Majesty's justices of the peace to Edward Ashby aforesaid, that the justice would have him come over to him (as) he would speak with him. Ashby said he would go over, whereupon Joseph Bangham did curse two or three times and use very ill language. Presently after the justice himself coming over in person into the room where this company was drinking and singing together, he spoke particularly to Joseph Bangham as he sat alone on the bench behind the table and told him 'twas time to go home, and that it was not fit to make such a noise at such a time of night to disturb the neighbours that they could not sleep for them. He the said Joseph Bangham but just stirred his hat and clapped it on again, sitting on his tayle and replied to the justices he would go home when he had made an end of his drink; when the justice was gone home again he the said Joseph Bangham rose from the table and came to the rest of the company who were withdrawne from him to the fire's-side, and said 'Zounds what were you all fooles to stand with your hats off to the justice. What, is hee a king you see? I kept my hat on.' And when this informant said that he had rather have given a crowne or tenne shillinges than have been found there hee, the said Joseph Bangham in returne made a fillip and said he did not care that for it."

Notes of recognizances follow:—Bangham is bound in £40; Edward Mead, gentleman, and Samuel Hutchinson, goldsmith, both of Bishop's Stortford, in £20 each.

385. Presentments of John Cooper, John Norrice, and George Haggar, of Barley; Samuel Hall, of Little Gadsdin, blacksmith; Thomas Barr, maltster, Thomas Griper, salesman, Jobe Tingey, all of Ware; Richard Hanchett, Richard Bawcock, Nicholas Aley, William Speciall, John Read, and John Paine, all of Bishop's Stortford, for not attending church.

386. 12 July. Presentments: — Michael Phillips, of Watton, for not sending his team into the highways one day; of William Skegg, of Astone, for ploughing the footpath leading from a house called "Gregories" to Watton Church; of Samuel Grisley and Thomas French, both of Cheshunt, for not repairing to their parish church for one Lord's day; of John Wren, of Cottered, for not hanging up a gate into a common field called Spedley, and also for taking inmates into his house; and of John Chapman, of Cottered, for digging a sawpit in Cottered street, and not filling it up again.

387. Midsummer Sessions. Presentments:—Richard Rofe, of Hatfield, for departing from the watch immediately after it was set and not performing his duty for the night after his charge was given; of Robert Pluckrose, William Miles, Thomas Fallawfield, all of Watton; Henry Bateson and George Exton, both of Walkerne; Edward Carter, of Little Wymondley; John Issard, the elder, Thomas Moss, the younger, Simon Millard, William Paternoster, Lewis Lawndy, the younger, James Cawdell, Peter Cawdell, John Prior, all of Baldock; Edward Crouch, Edward Waby, Joseph Carter, all of Stevenage; and Thomas Lambe and Thomas Godfrey, both of Hunsdon, for absenting themselves from church; and of Henry Horsley, of Hunsdon, for entertaining inmates, and for lodging idle vagrant fellows.

388. Christmas Sessions. Presentments for not attending church: —Many of those mentioned previously are again presented. The fresh names include those of Samuel Budd and James Rate, of Tring; John Foster, of Hyde Banke; Abraham Ataway, John Gary, John Hollyday, of Northchurch; Thomas Waters, of Barkamsted St. Peter; and John Siggins and John Browne, of Sacombe.

John Watts, of Barkamsted St. Peter, is presented for refusing to carry a hue and cry in the night when desired by the constable.

389. Presentments:—Robert Fernall and Elizabeth Frisby, of Aldebury; Edward Welch and Samuel Treherne, of Tewin; Thomas Smith and Thomas Batt, of Standon; and James Browne, of Bengeo or absenting themselves from church;

of Rayment Rawlinson, of Little Hadham, for throwing dung in the highway in Hadham street there; of John Blindell, of Chesthunt; John Robins, of the same; Michael Wattes, of Thundrich, and Widow Kelsey, of Much Hadham, for absenting themselves from church; and of William Ramkin, of Standan, for not attending the jury.

391. 9 January. Indictment of Thomas Holden, of Hunsdon, labourer, for killing 14 partridges, which he sold to Andrew Woodhouse, and 11 partridges, which he sold to William Cockill; and also for having in his possession nets and other engines for killing game.

402. 15 June. Petition of Thomas Campe, of Ware, "bardgman." Sets forth that in 1665 he was impressed out of his barge at London for the king's service against the Dutch, and with divers other watermen was taken on board the *Unity*, Captain Thomas Strafford, commander; and John Peirson, master. This ship belonged to the blue squadron, Sir Jeremiah Smith being rear-admiral and Prince Rupert and Lord General Monke, admirals. Petitioner served for two years, until the war ended. Being now aged, and having a wife and three children, he seeks to be admitted as a pensioner in the room of William Church, of Ware, deceased. The petition is supported by John Waller, William Crosse, and seven others.

405. 9 January. Certificate of John Warde, Thomas Burtten, and others, that William Pepper, of Sabridgworth, is of honest and industrious behaviour, but in a poor and low condition, and so not able to support the charge of defending an indictment against him for baking for hire (he having once taken a halfpenny for baking a neighbour's loaf), and has a great charge of children whom he has hitherto brought up to hard work and industrious labour, who otherwise might have been a charge to the parish, and will be forced to crave the relief of the parish to defray the charge that may ensue upon this trouble given him by a presentment.

407. 7 January. Certificate of Thomas Evans, minister, and Joseph Ewer, churchwarden, that Simon Lock, of King's Langley, labourer, has not absented himself from the public

service of the church, and sermon, either morning or evening on the Lord's day, "time of sickness excepted."

410-431. Constables' returns.

432. Letter, dated at Stondon, 5th January, 1685-6, from Jo. Wade to Alexander Wild, J.P. The bearer, Henry Hicks, has often complained that William Beadle has endeavoured to make him "odious and contemptible" for his conformity, and that Beadle said, in order to discourage others from coming to church, that he would never damn himself by doing as Hicks has done. This is "such a piece of insolence, as deserves, me thinks, to be suppressed." Note at the end of the letter that "Mr. Uthwatt, the younger, of Ware" is "lame of the gout."

435. Letter dated at Stortford, 10 January, 1685-6, from John Yardley to W. Chauncy. "In November last, I received from you £9 for the repair of a bridge at Sawbridgeworth. The parishioners say it will cost as much again." Asks for advice as to keeping and laying out the money.

438. Letter dated 11 January, 1685-6, from Jo. Gill to Mr. Chauncy. "My brother Delawood, tenant of his manor of Hormead Hall, having for his landlord and upon his own lands taken some partridges, had sent them up to his lordship by one, Spicer, of Cheshunt, a poulter (*sic*) who it seems was searched on his way to London, and the birds taken from him, and the poulterer (*sic*) bound over to answer it at the sessions. I have herewith sent on Mr. Patch, my brother's tenant, to affirm the truth of the premises, and request you to be instrumental that the poor man who bought not the goods, paying his fees, may be discharged."

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482. Recognizance for the appearance of John Crane, of Cheshunt, at the next quarter sessions, to give evidence against John Webster, late of Essenden, as to certain seditious words spoken against the King. (See also No. 506).

495. Recognizance in the sum of £20 of Isaac Turner, of Watford—who was on the 3rd September last, convicted for unlawfully taking, killing, and destroying two partridges, in the parish of Bushey, and who paid the penalty by law inflicted, for such offence—not at any time hereafter to take or kill any pheasants or partridges.

507 & 508. Examinations of William Dale, of Pitlesthorne, Bucks, gentleman, and of John Maccascree, of Berkhamstead St. Peter, gentleman; concerning an attack by John Summers upon William Dale, in the park of the Earl of Bridgwater, at Ashridge. Summers had struck Dale with a cane, who, in defending himself with his sword in a scabbard, wounded Summers, "the scabbard flying off."

509. Presentments of ——— Staley, widow, John Ray, carpenter, Edward Blindall, carpenter, ——— Speerman, husbandman, all of Stondon; and of the Widow Rudd, Bernard Smith, blacksmith; Thomas Lowen, the younger, bricklayer, and ——— Baker, husbandman, all of Wadesmill, in the said parish; for absenting themselves from the parish church of Stondon by the space of three Lord's days.

511. Presentments that a lane (described as running from Enfield to Hoddesdon), leading from Chesthunt street to Chesthunt church, called Church Lane, is out of repair for about 30 poles, between the church and the free school; that a bridge between Hertford and Ware, lying between Cow eaes Mead and Ballshooke Mead, is out of repair, "supposed to be Mrs. Dunster's;" and of William Greene, of Weston, for incroaching his hedge upon the King's highway leading from Weston to Clothall, "containing by estimation twenty poles and inclosing it a yard wide." Signatures.

512. Presentments of all the inhabitants and residents in Park Ward, in the parish of St. Stevens, for refusing to pay their proportions to a "robberie" upon an order of sessions; and of Hugh Thornton, constable, of Tittenhanger Ward, he having collected the bridge money for High Bridge and not paid it in according to his precept.

513. Presentments of Bartholomew Tisley, holding lands in the

parish of Amwell and living at Neatherall, in the parish of Roydon, Essex, for refusing to pay the constables rates in Amwell; that a footbridge leading from Ware to Hertford, in the meadows lying between two meadows called Cowley's and Ballshooke is out of repair "so that the people cannot have any passage that way from town to town, being a common way"; of the way between Little Hadham and and Starford "20 poles in length from Starford towards Ware"; and of "the way between Wormley and Hodsdon, in Broxbourne, 40 poles long." Signatures.

514. Presentment of Edward Gabell, senior, of Datchworth, for harbouring Robert Smith as an inmate. Signatures.

516. Presentments of Thomas Odyn and John Woodward, churchwardens, and Thomas Gray and John Reddinge, overseers of the poor of the parish of Shenley, for making an unlawful rate on behalf of the poor of the said parish; that a bridge, commonly called Tunford Bridge, in the parish of Chesthunt, on the common footpath leading from the town of Tunford in the said parish of Cheshunt to the town of Cheshunt, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the parish of Cheshunt; that a bridge near Twyford Mill adjoining a field called Thorley Croft, in the parish of Thorley, in the King's highway, leading from the town of "Bishop's Stafford" to the town of Hatfield, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the said parish of Thorley; and of John Gray, of Cheshunt, gentleman, "for a nuisance in turning the offals in his mansion house situate in Cheshunt, through several yards belonging to the several houses of several inhabitants adjoining to the house of the said John Gray." Signatures.

518. Presentments of Robert Mims and John Seawell, butchers, both of Chipping Barnet, "for vending and selling of flesh out of the market or their shop by retail, in carrying the same abroad in the country in the nature of heglers without licence;" of Robert Finch for not doing his six day's work with labourers on the highways in Chipping Barnet; of Adam Pratt, senior, and Mary Toffin, widow, both of Watford, for refusing to watch in their turns "being named

thereto;" of James Child, of Watford, "for absenting himself from the watch after they (*sic*) had the charge and not continuing to sunrising;" and of Thomas Lawrence, constable of Newnam, for not paying two quarterly payments for the gaol, house of correction and maimed soldiers, etc., and also for not paying the bridge money for Ward's Mill Bridge laid on the said parish of Newnam. Signatures.

529. The petition of William Wright. Shows, "That a great precipice in the highway over against Hertingfordbury Park gate, in the liberty of Brickenden, which is in the parish of All Saints, in this county, being very dangerous to passengers, coaches, and carts, the inhabitants of the said parish and liberty were threatened not only by the King's surveyor but by others to be indicted for it, and your petitioner being surveyor of the highway there, did with the knowledge and consent of the said inhabitants, and by the order of two justices of the peace, cause the said precipice to be railed in as well to prevent trouble as also for the safety of the King's subjects travelling that way. The charges thereof come to three pounds eight shillings and eight pence which the inhabitants aforesaid refuse to pay; they of the said liberty saying that the inhabitants of the parish in general ought to be charged with it, and they of the rest of the parish saying that the inhabitants of the said liberty only ought to pay it. By which means your petitioner is likely to be arrested for the money." Ordered that the parish of All Saints, Hertford, make a rate for reimbursing the petitioner.

532. 2 April. Certificate by two justices. Recites that the inhabitants of Hatfield were presented for the highway leading from Page's Mill to Hatfield town, and for a gravel-pit near London Road "digged so near the highway there, that it was dangerous for travellers;" and that Nathaniel Phipp, surveyor of the highways in Hatfield, was also presented for digging a gravel-pit in the highway leading from Page's Mill to Hatfield. The two justices have viewed the said highway, and find it well amended, and have also viewed the said gravel-pits, and find that the pit near London

Road is sufficiently secured with posts and rails, and that near Page's Mill is so far filled up as not to be dangerous to passengers.

533. 4 April. Certificate of the good repair of the highway between the parish church of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and the place called the Seale within the said parish.

534. 12 July. "This is to certify all those whom it doth concern, that Notle Lane, in the parish of Sandon, is sufficiently mended."

538. Certificate by Thomas Carter and Thomas Sheppard, the churchwardens and John Barckmacker and John Welch, overseers of the poor of the parish of Great Wymondley, to the justices, "that the poor people of the said parish that are old and not able to work are all provided for, and none of the poor people of the said parish have been driven to wander into other towns to beg or ask relief, for this thirty years last past. This Nathaniel Thrussell, which now complains, is a lusty young man, able to work and always brought up to husbandry, his wife, a young woman, always brought up to work, and [they] know both how to perform their work they are hired to do, and have at present but one child, but did not take care to pay rent for a hired house when he had one, nor endeavour to hire a house for himself when he wants."

548. Letter undated, signed W. A.:—"Brother Burges, after twice here last night and once this morning, and still missing you, I prepared and scribbled over copies of the two more letters I have gained since I saw you. He delivered the originals yesternight to a servant of Mr. Sparkes (he being absent). The truth is I would fain have your sweet face in conjunction with mine, and pray a good and speedy dispatch with him, and for that end I called here again this morning to have your company with me to Mr. Sparke, his lodging at the Swanne, over against the Rolls in Chancery Lane, whither I am gone myself, a grocer's shop. I pray you follow me as soon as ever you come in, or at leastwise take an occasion to speak with him yourself this day at the Hatt [Hall?], for my occasions call me to London this

morning and cannot stay. And, notwithstanding your objection touching the desertion of the auditors in this business, I'ld give you the satisfaction (which I am confident would please you) that this way is much better. Pray leave word where you'l be in the afternoon, for I must needs speak with you."

549. 2 April. Estimate for the charge of pulling down three arches of Wade's Mill Bridge and the re-building them again, finding all materials and having all the old stuff toward the re-building. The charge will amount to £56, "as near as we can value it at, for the bricklayer's work."

550. John Holder's estimate of the repairing of Wared's (*sic*) Mill Bridge:—the carpenter's work and materials, £23; gravel, £4.

557-575a. Lists of jurors.

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11. 21 January. Recognizance for the appearance of Charles Funerall "for saying to Thomas Hankin, constable, of Rushden (who had a warrant to serve on him) why do you follow me with your pimping warrant."

26. Recognizance for the appearance of William Field for unlawfully hunting "in my Lord Salisbury's park."

27. Recognizance for the appearance of John Field for the same offence.

29. Recognizance for the appearance of John Cole "for aiding and assisting to kill a deer in the park of Sir John B[illegible]ograve."

34. Recognizance for the appearance of William Worster, the younger, for "keeping a gun in his custody and using the same to the destruction of the game, being not by law qualified so to do."

50. Recognizance for the appearance of John Canfield, shoemaker, one of the guardians of the poor of the parish of Ippolits, for refusing to relieve "a sick poore man."

55. Recognizance for the appearance of Solomon Sanders, the son of William Sanders (of Hitchen ?) for breaking with stones "the windows and several glasses of waters of William Broomfield, chirurgeon."

105. Presentments of John Blindale, of Cheshunt Nunnery, for not scouring his ditch at Nunn's Bridge, in the parish of Cheshunt, and not setting up his "rayles" at the bridge. (See Nos. 118 and 120) ; and of John Tompson, one of the surveyors of the highways, of the parish of Cheshunt, for not repairing the Church Lane, leading from the School-house, to Cheshunt Church gate.

106. Presentment, by information, "that Jno. Farr, of Langley, in the parish of Hitching, doth not obey a rule of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench, Westminster, and also an order [of] this worshipful Bench, to consult monthly with the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the town of Hitchin, about the relief of the poor. Signatures.

107. Presentments by the grand jury of a water-course leading from Fisher's Mead "to the corner of John Phillips his peice, called Ashcroft Peice," in the parish of Standon, about ten poles in length ; and of William Rampkin "for not scouring of it ;" that a highway leading from Willian to "Kimbyloe Peice," in the parish of Great Wymondly, about 200 poles, is out of repair, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Great Wymondly ; and that the pound before the court [at Hertford ?] is not sufficient to secure the prisoners at assises and sessions. Signatures.

109. Presentments of John Person, "of the Cocke, on Prickles Hill," in the parish of East Barnet, at the request of the vestry on the behalf of the whole Parish, for keeping a disorderly house and entertaining of vagrants ; and of Ralph Thrayle for refusing to pay his quarteridge for the parish of Sandridge, "being the present constable."

110. Presentment of William Kimpton, yeoman, of Chisfield, "for maintaining and upholding a hedge and bank with a gate and post, lately made crosse the King's highway, in a lane called Gravelly Lane, in the parish of Chisfield *cum*

Gravelly, *alias* Gravely *cum* Chisfield, and leading from the town of Walkern to the town of Gravely."

111. Presentments of Thomas Kilby, of Hemel Hempstead, for using the "mistery or trade of a baker," not having served seven years as an apprentice thereto; and of Peter Grover, for absenting himself from his fellow jurors, and not bringing in his presentments.

112. Presentment of William Dennis, of Barkway, for absenting himself from his fellow jurors, and not bringing in his presentments.

114. Presentments of Mr. John Butter, surveyor of the highways in Waltham Crosse Ward, in Cheshunt, for not repairing a highway "leading from Cheshunt Church to Enfield Market, for half-a-mile, leading from Waltham towards Hatfield;" and of Nicholas Ring, one of the surveyors of Cheshunt, of Woodside Ward, "for not repairing the highway leading to Burton's End from Cheshunt Street, leading from Waltham towards Hatfield."

117. Indictment of Henry Walker, of Watford, labourer, and servant under a salary of Mathew Jones, of the same, sadler, for taking away a bridle, the property of the latter, and converting the same to his own use, in breach of the faith reposed in him by his master.

118. Indictment of John Blindall, of Chesthunt, yeoman, for permitting an ancient and common watercourse running through his ditch near Nun's Bridge there, to be choked with mud and to remain so, to the damage of the inhabitants.

119. Indictment of Robert Smith, of Standon, labourer, for pursuing "the faculty of a common drover, buyer and seller of cattle," not having been admitted to the business at any general sessions.

124. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Willian, for not repairing an ancient common highway there leading from Baldock to Hitchin, for a length of a hundred perches by one perch in breadth.

127. Indictment of the inhabitants of Great Wymondly, for not

repairing part of an ancient common highway, leading from the market town of Baldocke, towards the market town of Hitchin, which is in decay for 100 perches in length by one in breath.

130. Order of sessions. Robert Kentish and Robert Swenston, late surveyors of the highway in the parish of St. Peter's, who stand indicted for negligence in their office, and the non-repairs of the highways in the London Road, desire that the indictment may be quashed "affirming that the same is in sufficient repair and that they have done their duty in that behalf." The Court therefore orders that Robert Robotham, esq., one of the justices of the peace, shall view the repairs of the said highway and examine whether they have done their duty in their office, and report his opinion to the court at the next sessions. Pursuant to the above order notice was given to the informers to come before Robert Robotham, to give a more particular account of their complaint against Robert Kentish and Robert Swanston, but owing to their refusal to appear nothing could be done in the matter. Dated, June, 1688, and signed by Robert Robotham. "Since the date hereof, John Hunt who indicted the above named Kentish and Swainston, has been with me and did not alledge anything to prove any default in the said surveyors. And saith that the highway above named is now sufficiently amended."

132. Sessions order made on the complaint of William Bromfield, of Hitchin, "chyrurgeon." The complainant states that Thomas Tristram, of Ippolits, came to him by the order of the overseer of the said parish, with a "fistula in ano," and the overseers and wardens taking no care of the poor man, either to relieve, or to engage to pay for the said cure, complainant refused to proceed in the cure without particular order either from the next overseers, or some warrant from a justice to compel the said wardens and overseers to pay for the cure and relief of the poor man. Such an order was accordingly made by George Throgmorton, esq., and was received by the said wardens and overseers who promised to carry it out, and the said chyrurgeon "presumed to make a

cure and demanded satisfaction;" but the said wardens and overseers refused to pay. The matter having been brought before the court, it is ordered that they forthwith pay to William Bromfield the sum of three pounds for the cure, and seven and sixpence the cost of this order.

134. Petition of Bridgett Ansell, of Ickleford. Upon the 19th day of April last, one Lawrenc ———, a vagrant beggar, set fire to the barns, outhousing and part of the dwelling-house of your petitioner, which, in the space of one hour was burnt to the ground. Besides the loss of hay, wood, straw. and household goods, with several implements of husbandry which were consumed at the same time, the whole loss "upon survey of able and substantiall workemen," amounts to the sum of £137 and upwards, which is to the ruin and impoverishing of your petitioner, who has three children to provide for. The petitioner desires that the court will grant her "letters of request" to ask and take the charitable benevolence of all well-disposed persons in the county, Endorsed. "Order that she have licence within the county."

135. Petition of John Casse, of Buntingford. Shows that he was a very loyal and faithful subject to King Charles the First, of blessed memory, and "listed a souldier" in his service at Colchester under the command of Capt. John Taylor, for which he was plundered of all his goods, and imprisoned, to the ruin of himself and his wife and children. All which his sufferings, being made known to the justices of the peace, since the restoration of his late Majesty, they appointed the petitioner governor of the house of correction at Buntingford, which office he did well and truly execute and discharge until he was unduely imprisoned, without conviction of any crime committed by him, and detained in the gaol at Hertford until such time as he gave recognizance with surety to leave the said house of correction or to return again to his imprisonment. The petitioner begs their worships to consider his sufferings and his illegal usage for his loyalty, and to restore him to his office of governor of the house of correction.

136. Certificate that Michael Prior, of Newsells, in the parish of

Barkway, who stands indicted for not performing his six day's work on the highways, did with servants, carts and horses, perform five day's work, and was ready to have done the sixth, had there been any more stones for him to fetch.

140. The report of Sir Henry Chauncy and George Throckmorton, esq., concerning the difference between the inhabitants of the town of Hitchin and the inhabitants of Kingswalden.

William Godfrey, an inhabitant of the parish of Hitchin, hired a house of Thomas Crowley, situate in the parish of Kingswalden, under the yearly rent of £2 5s., for the term of one year, to commence from Lady Day, 1685, by virtue whereof Godfrey, with his apprentice, did enter into the said house on the 25th March, 1685, and laid goods there, but did sometime abide there and some time at Hitchin, until the 24th June following. Then Godfrey brought his wife and children who settled themselves in the said house, and by reason of their residence there the overseers of the poor for Kingswalden did charge him for the said house 6d. to their poor rate for the first year, and he paid the same, and continuing there they charged him 2d. for the second year, and he paid that likewise, and the surveyors of the highways required the wife of Godfrey to gather stones for the repair of the highways in Kingswalden, by reason of her residence there, and she performed that duty in the year 1687, and Godfrey and his family continued in the said house until the time of his death, which was about five weeks before Michaelmas, 1687, but his wife and family continuing in the said house after the death of Godfrey, the overseers of the poor for the said parish of Kingswalden complained to the justices, at the next quarter sessions, that Godfrey's wife and children endeavoured to settle themselves at Kingswalden in a cottage under the yearly value of ten pounds, and were likely to become chargeable to the parish.

141. Certificate that the highway leading from the town of St. Albans towards Bedford, about 30 poles in length, for which the inhabitants of Wheathamsted stand indicted, is now in good repair. Signed by Edward Seabrooke, mayor of St. Albans.

142. Certificate by the minister, Michael Roberts, Thomas Evans, curate, the churchwarden and others, of the inhabitants of King's Langley, that John White, of Chipperfield, in the parish of King's Langley, is a frequent churchgoer, that he keeps no ill-orders in his house, and is a very fit person to keep "a publick-house."

143. Testimonial by some of the inhabitants of Ware, on behalf of William Bostooke, "a poor man who was lately a souldier in Flanders, under the command of Capt. Charles Fanshawe, in the regiment of Sir Charles Littleton, knight, colonel of his Royal Highness the Duke of York's regiment of foot." Whereas Mr. John Crosse, one of his Majesty's pensioners, being now deceased, and the bearer hereof William Bostooke, having a testimony that he was in his Majesty's service, and being very poor, we recommend him to your worships that he may be admitted a pensioner to some part of the pension of the deceased, at the next quarter sessions, "it being, as we consider, an act of charity for his service." Signatures.

144. Similar testimonial by the same on behalf of William Hobson, "a very poor, lame man, having a wife and four small children," that he may be admitted to a part of the pension of Mr. John Crosse lately deceased. "This poor, lame man, William Hobson, as he hath related unto us, hath been a souldier under the command of Sir Henry Lee, in the regiment of the honourable Lord Musgrove, raised for his late Majesty's service against the Dutch, about 17 years since, in which fight and engagement in the *Newcastle* frigate, about the 24th August (*sic*), the said William Hobson was much wounded, and hath been a very lame man ever since." Signatures.

150. Return of John Hockley, keeper of the gaol at Hertford, to a writ committing John Gale, of Standon, into his custody for abetting in the killing of a buck in the park of Sir John Brograve, bart., at Hamells, in the parish of Braughing.

151. 15 March. John Savill's account, £3 2s. 6d., for mending

the brickwork at Waidesmill bridge which was falling down. The items include:—

	£	s.	d.
Paid for a new spur-post	00	01	02
And for putting it up	00	00	04

153 & 154. Acknowledgement by John Yardley that he had, on the 5th November, 1685, received £9 by virtue of an order of sessions, towards the repairing of High Bridge, in the parish of Sabridgworth, and on the 16th July, 1686, by a further order, the sum of £11 for the same purpose. He gives an account of the money spent on the repairs of the said bridge, which account includes the following items: —

	£	s.	d.
For timber, nails, and workmanship, to mend the breaches in the bridge, to prevent danger until timber can be provided to repair it...	0	7	6
For 324 foot of plank four inches thick and square edged	9	9	0
For carrying of the planks from Ware	0	15	0
For carrying the timber from Stortford... ...	0	11	0
For beer for the workmen	0	3	0
The total amount of the bill is	£49	9	10

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179. Warrant to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor at Stortford. A complaint has been made concerning Margaret, the wife of Thomas May, "a wandering pedlar, who never was settled in any place from his birth, but removed from one town to another." He had now "gone for a souldier," and the said Margaret, his wife, had come to Stortford, "with intent there to settle herself and children," whereby it is feared she may become a charge upon the parish. "She is not in a house of the yearly value of ten pounds, neither hath delivered any note in writing of the number of her family to the churchwardens and overseers." It is, therefore, ordered that the said Margaret and her children, three boys and two girls, shall be removed to Little Hadham, where she was born. (See No. 337).

191. Recognizance for the appearance of Samuel Coddington, of Chipping Barnet, draper, for refusing to take the oath of a constable.

193. Recognizance for the appearance of George Samme, of Willian, for the same neglect.

194. Recognizance for the appearance of John Percivall, of Oftley, labourer, for "counterfitting" and using of false keys.

199. Recognizance for the appearance of William Gillham, John Gillham, and Benjamin Patmore, to give evidence and to prefer a bill of indictment against William Smart, of Hertford, webster, "for speaking scandalous and seditious words against their majesties and the government." (See No. 221).

219. 30 January. The examination of William Bradly charged with stealing goods out of "a certain packe of one Anne Harrison, West Chester, carrier, out of a certain inn called the White Lyon Inn, at London Cony." He says, that on Saturday, the 26th inst., he came, along with the West Chester carrier, to the White Lyon Inn, at Cony aforesaid, where he stayed that night and all the next day, being Sunday, and "parted thence on Monday morning following, and that he, having no money, left his said lodgings without calling for or paying any reckoning but absolutely denies the said charge."

The information of Thomas Draper, landlord of the White Lyon Inn, is to the effect that William Bradly came to his house with the said carrier on Saturday and departed about four o'clock on Monday morning "unknown to this deponent and without paying for his dyett or lodging," and that during his stay there a pack belonging to the carrier was broken open and several things taken away, and that he believes William Bradly to be guilty of the theft.

221. 3 September. The information of William Gillham, of Ware. That on Tuesday, 27th August last, being in company with one William Smart, of Hertford, webster, and talking about quartering of soldiers, the said William Smart swore "Damn King William, &c., a pox take him, for he and his souldiers oppressed the country more than ever King James did and

he wished that the devil had King William." Being reproved by the said William Gillham he swore he was not in the least sorry for what he had said and "afterwards drank King James his health."

The information of Benjamin Patmore, of Ware, "maultster," concerning the above. That he was with William Smart on the said date, at Ware, and heard him say that King Williams' souldiers oppressed the country more than King James his did, and if King James were in the room with him "he would not hurt an hair of his head."

John Gillham, of Ware, labourer, being examined on the same matter, said, that on the 27th August last, late at night, "hearing a great noise at the Saracen's Head, in Ware, and being told that there was a sword drawn in the company and knowing his brother was in the room he ran in to save him, but all being quiet when he came in one William Smart, of Hertford, webster, being in the room asked him if he were brother to William Gillham, and this informant answered he was. Then, said he, you shall drink King James his health, which this informant refused to do." (See No. 199).

222 & 223. The deposition of Sebastian Jones, of Hoddesdon, innholder. He says that Josias Clarke, of Broxbourne, "viccar," coming from Hertford and being at the deponent's house at Hoddesdon, said that he had been taking the oaths at the sessions at Hertford, and that the justices did impose upon him to sign the declaration in an arbitrary way, or words to that effect; and that he had heard the said Josias Clarke "commend Dundee for a very worthy honest gentleman and a great schollar."

Isaac Clinton, one of the churchwardens for Hoddesdon, made oath that the proclamation for the fast coming to him, the said Isaac Clinton sent it to the said Josias Clarke but it was not read in the church at the time aforesaid, whereupon, being again asked to read it by the said deponent, he said he had considered of it and would not read it.

William Sellwood, of Broxbourne, yeoman, deposed upon oath that Josias Clarke on the 1st March, 1689, told him

"that he was not obliged to pray for King William, and that several doctors never did nor never would."

The information of Thomas Peake, of Hoddesdon, glazier. This deponent says that he having some communication about August last, with Josiah Clark, of Broxbourne, "viccar," the said Josiah "told him as news that great cruelty was exercised in Scotland upon the Church of England ministers, and this deponent said that he did not believe it, for he told him that our present king was a very merciful governor and did never hear that he ever spilled any man's blood since he came to the throne; to which the said Clarke replied he had put 10,000 men to death or shed the blood of 10,000 men, or to that effect."

224. 9 July. Presentment that the Abbey Bridge "being an aintchant bridge" which lies partly in St. Michael's parish and partly in the Abbey parish (St. Albans) is very much out of repair. Signatures.

226. Presentments by the jurors of the Hundreds of Edwynstree and Odsey, and the half-hundred of Hitchin, that they have not to their knowledge any popish recusants in their respective parishes or any persons that speak against the present government. Signatures.

227. Presentment of Richard Smith, of Widford, husbandman, for neglecting to scour a ditch about 40 poles in length between the church and the street in the same parish "by means whereof the highway is much damified." Signatures.

228. Presentments by Joseph Dell, of Boventon, of Goodman Andrew, William Killby, Neamia Baker, William Ketch, William Hall, Tho. Tomlin, and Mary Lovitt, "for keeping of alehouses in by-lanes, and being altogether useless and harbouring of poor men, and for selling by false measure."

229. Presentments of Job Brockett, vicar of Royston, "for not paying to the constable's bill, or rates" and of John Bowles, of Wallinton, the surveyor of the highway for not repairing the highways in the said parish from Baldock towards Sandon, 30 poles. Signatures.

230. Presentment that the highway in Stansteed Abbott for twenty poles between the Marsh Lane and the Mill Bridge is out of repair. Signatures.

231. Presentment of Mrs. Dorothy Newton, of Ody Greene, in the parish of Standon, "for refusing to do their majesties' service in not sending in her men to watch and ward." Signatures. (See also No. 232).

233. Indictment of Josias Clarke, of Broxbourne, clerk, for speaking seditious words against the King and Queen, saying that the King had shed the blood of, or put to death, 10,000 men. Fined 20 nobles. (See depositions Nos. 222-3).

237. Similar indictment of William Smart, of the parish of Hertford, webster. (See depositions No. 221).

249. Indictment of William Coxe, of Hodsdon, labourer, for permitting evil rule and misdemeanours in his common "victually" house there.

252. Presentment of John Bowles, of Wallington, labourer, for not repairing his ditch lying in Shittly Greene, in the said parish, for a length of 30 poles.

256. Writ of Richard Hutchinson, esq., directing the bailiff of the hundred of Broadwater, to levy £41 10s. upon the inhabitants there, which sum was awarded by the court at Westminster to Robert Pulleyn, esq., on account of an assault and robbery committed on him in a place called Graveley Pinch, at Graveley, within the same hundred. The amount to be paid at Westminster within three weeks after Trinity. On the dorse are the details of the levy.

262. Petition of some of the inhabitants of Ware. Shows that at the last sessions two certificates were presented by them to the court on behalf of William Bostocke and William Hobson, respectively, both of Ware, who served his late Majesty in the Low Countries and elsewhere, desiring that they might be admitted to a part of a pension which Mr. John Crosse, his Majesty's pensioner, deceased, then had; and that the said certificates were ordered to be filed by the clerk of the peace until the next sessions. The petitioners further show that since that time George Towne, another of his Maiesty's

pensioners, is lately deceased at Ware, and they desire that Joseph Byrd, of Ware, a very poor man "who served his late Majesty in the wars as a soldier at Tangier for several years until he was discharged by Captain Nedby, at the George in Ware" (1) may at the next sessions be admitted as a pensioner in the place of the said George Towne. Signatures.

263. The petition of divers of their Majestie's officers, and soldiers under their command, "of late quartering at Hertford and Ware." The petitioners were lately under obligation to appear at the sessions to prosecute certain persons of Ware for their offences committed against their Majesties' guards of dragoons at Ware and their officers, but the petitioners have been lately commanded into their Majesties' service and are thereby prevented from following their complaint against the said offenders. They therefore, pray that the said offenders may be continued upon their recognizance till such time as the petitioners may be permitted to appear and prosecute them. Signed by Capt. Podewills, late of Ware, and Capt. Frederick Hanbush, lieutenant, late of Hertford.

264. The petition of Anthony Stevens. Shows that he, being very aged and well stricken in years, above fourscore and eight years old, and being fallen into extreme want and poverty, "hath lyen upon his son and daughter so long that they are no ways able to maintain him any longer; that the parish of Bushey, where he lives, will not allow him six pence a week," and that he is "no ways" able to subsist any longer without some speedy course be taken for his present necessity, his condition being very deplorable. Begs therefore that his case may be taken into consideration, that there may be "a speedy supply of his wants." Endorsed "Stevens to have 12d. for the future."

265-293. Sacrament certificates. No. 273, relates to Robert Robotham, of St. Peter's parish, St. Albans.

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(1) There is no punctuation in the original, and the sense is therefore not very clear.

296. "Mr. George Needham maketh oath that Sir John Docwra said that King William was no king, but King James was the right king, and that the parliament now sitting was no parliament, and that there would be no parliament till King James should get on his throne at Whitehall again."

300. Gaol Calendar:—

"Thomas Fage, of Hithing, charged with murder of his daughter.

"James West, for committing a most notorious riot and other high crimes and misdemeanors.

"One called by the name of William Lawrence *alias* Protestant, charged for feloniously taking one horse from the person of one Steven Smith, upon the road from Tring to Bristoll.

"Thomas Barret, a souldier, lately quartered at Ware, charged upon suspicion of robbing the waggon of one, Mr. Lancaster, at Ware, on the 26th of December, stealing out of the waggon divers parcels of stockings and 2 boxes of goods.

"Richard Clarke, of Buntingford, charged with suspicion of his assaulting of Robert Kempton, in the common highway between Blackberry End and Brodwater, and feloniously taking away one brown gelding, one leather belt with silver buckles, one old knife and sheath, and five shillings or more in money, in a canvas bag which belt and knife and sheath was found in his custody.

"Ralph Bland, of Malden, in the county of Bedford, for stealing a horse.

"William Camell, of Yorke, taylor, and Henry Arnoll of Staineing, in Sussex, joyner, charged upon suspicion of picking of pockets.

"John Stevens and Thomas Skegg and one unknown person for making forceable entrance into the dwelling-house of one Wright, of Baldock, widow. Stevens and Skegg removed to London by *habeas corpus*; the unknown person still in custody."

301. 21 Feb. Bill for work done at the county bridge in Braughing, including the following items :—

	£	s.	d.
"For 196 foot of plank at 4½d. the foot	03	13	06
Paid for gathering of stones	00	06	00
Paid for iron work	00	06	00
For 6 pounds of nails	00	02	00"

Another bill for work done at the county bridge at Standon, including the following items : —

	£	s.	d.
"For 4 runers 10 foot long apiece 6 inches square at 4½d. a foot	00	15	00
For 130 foot of plank at 4½d. the foot ...	02	08	09"

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337. Recognizance for the appearance of Robert Greene to show reason why the town of Hitchin should not pay to the parish of Kingswalden the sum of £5 17s. 0d., towards the charge of "Goody" Godfry and children according to a late order of sessions to that purpose. (See No. 179).

340. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Manison, of Baldock, maltster, for refusing to take the oath of chief constable, in contempt of an order of sessions.

351. Recognizance for the appearance of Edward Hine and Robert Acres, to give evidence against one Docked (?) Thompson, of Wormly, touching an assault made upon them, and certain words and threats highly reflecting upon the government.

360. Recognizance for the appearance of Samuel Kitchiner, to answer for wilfully and obstinately refusing to perform the office of overseer of the poor, for the parish of Wymondly Parva.

363. Recognizance for the appearance of Mercy King and Ralph Lewis, to give evidence against John Hurst, of Wormly, husbandman, concerning some contemptuous and seditious words spoken by him "against his sacred Majesty."

368. Recognizance for the appearance of John Hurst, for the like offence.

371. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Beech, of Hatfield, yeoman, to give evidence concerning the receipt of four false half-guineas, "received as he saith of the wife of Rodger Baker" and another half-guinea of the wife of Bennet Anssell, both of Hatfield.

372. Recognizance for the appearance of Rodger Baker and Bennet Anssell, of Hatfield, farmers, to give evidence concerning the receipt of four false half-guineas received they say from John Wright, of Hatfield, butcher.

373. Recognizance for the appearance of John Wright to answer for the "venting" of five false half-guineas paid to Roger Baker and Bennet Ansell.

374. Recognizance for the appearance of Elizabeth Hill, widow, Henry Hill, and Elizabeth Hill, spinster, for assaulting, disturbing, abusing, and threatening John Woodhouse, collector of the poll-money in Cheshunt, and Thomas Stimpson, headborough of the same, in making distress upon the goods of Elizabeth Hill, aforesaid, widow.

376. Recognizance for the appearance of Mary Skelton to answer what shall be objected against her by Elizabeth Skelton, "for endeavouring to part her and her husband, and giving him cause to 'mischief' his said wife."

377. Recognizance for the appearance of Edward Malin to answer such matters as shall be objected against him by William Sheppard and Elizabeth, his wife, "for endeavouring to separate him and his said wife, whereby she may become chargeable to the parish."

380. Recital that the deputy lieutenants of this county have received command to administer the new oaths to all persons suspected to be disaffected to the government, and memorandum that Richard Harrison is under a recognizance to appear and answer for refusing the said oaths.

381. Recognizance for the appearance of Robert Hanslow for the same offence.

382. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Dockwray, esq., for the same.

386. Recognizance for the appearance of Benjamin Pattmon, for unlawfully coursing and destroying of hares, conies, partridges, and pheasants.

389. Recognizance for the appearance of Charles Fox, for a dangerous assault and battery made by him upon Baron Tenynagall, colonel of a Dutch regiment of horse, in the company of Col. Scravenmoer, then quartering at the Bull Inn at Hoddesdon. (See also No. 455).

390. Recognizance for the appearance of John Clark, to answer for an assault upon Baron Tennynagall, colonel of a Dutch regiment of horse quartered at Hoddesdon, "by wilfully driving his horse and coach upon the said colonel in their Majesties highway, whereby the said colonel was dangerously hurt and bruised."

392. Recognizance for the appearance of John Gibson, of Sacome, husbandman, to give evidence concerning an affray lately made near Ware Park.

394. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Wilkinson to answer such things as shall be objected against him by Colonel Henry Guy, "member of the honourable House of Commons, commisioner of their Majesties' customs, and justice of the peace, for raising a false and scandalous report of the said colonel." (See No. 445).

399. Recognizance for the appearance of John Mendlove, of Hatfield, labourer, to answer such things as shall be objected against him by Mathew Lowen, "concerning the beating and wounding of his servant, and poaching in the park and warren of the Earl of Salisbury, and using snares therein."

407. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Pryce, clerk, to answer such matters as shall be objected against him by Sir Humfrey Gore, knight, "touching his speaking and uttering base and scandalous language to the said Sir Humfrey Gore, in the desk in the parish church of Gilston, to the affront and scorn of authority."

410. Information of Mercy King, wife of Robert King, of Wormeley, basketmaker, that John Hurst, of Wormley, used abusive language about the King, and said that he would as soon

serve King James as King William. Ralph Lewis of the same, yeoman, deposed to similar effect. (For the Indictment see No. 430.)

411. 29 August. The information of Lydia, wife of William Hart of Cheshunt, draper. The deponent says that she was possessed of the sum of ten pounds in gold and silver, and having laid it in her chest of drawers in her lodging chamber amongst linen, one Anne Yeaxley, wife of Robert Yeaxley, of Cheshunt, labourer, meeting with Elizabeth Aleyn, a poor parish child, servant to the said William Hart and the informant, on Tuesday last, and seeing her have a silver penny in her hand persuaded the child to give her the said penny, and asked her whether she had "any more monies," to which Elizabeth replied that her mistress had money which she could come at; whereupon the said Anne, encouraged her to get the said money, which she, the said Elizabeth, "at two several times took (being gold and silver) out of the informants chest of drawers," and gave to the said Anne, as she, Elizabeth Aleyn, confessed to the informant. She further says that she has lost nine pounds nine shilings and threepence of the said ten pounds, there only remaining half-a-guinea, and "that Anne Yeaxley is a person of ill reputation."

413. 3 October. The examination of Edward Hutchinson, of Cheshunt, cordwainer. The informant says that he has known Anne Yeaxley for twenty years, and that she "hath been taken by this deponent, and others, of her neighbours, to be of ill fame, and of no good reputation, having been suspected to have purloyned severall things in the neighbourhood," and that Alice, the wife of James Lowen, of the same parish, told this deponent that the said Anne Yeaxley, "being a chaire-woman at her house, and James Lowen, her husband, coming home from his labour and having about forty shillings in his pocket, left his breeches in the chamber (when he went out the next day) wherein the said money was, and afterwards there was eleven shillings mist out of the said money, and that there was nobody in the said house that Lowen's wife could suspect of taking the money but the said Anne Yeaxley."

414. Presentments of William Green, of Weston, for encroaching on and "straightening" the King's highway leading from Weston to Baldock, in a lane commonly known by the name of Hart Lane; and of John Stones, of Little Munden, for a new erected tenement without any freehold land belonging to it. Signatures.

417. Presentments of Gregory Page, of Enfield, "for taking in the church path with an hedge, leading from Cabocle Street to the church of Cheshunt, and making no other path, 10 poles"; and of John Barleggs, of Halliwell, of Hatfield, for not keeping a gate up at the place called Sampson's Gate "as used to be formerly."

418. Presentments of Edward Huckle for encroaching on and spoiling the highway by making a ditch leading from Baldock to Hitchin "containing about ten poles, be the same more or less"; and of the highway leading from Collier's End to High Cross, in the parish of Standon, 100 poles.

421. Presentment of Edward Holt, the younger, scavenger, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for laying dunghills in the streets and not removing them.

422. Presentments of the Widow Chapman, of Buckland, for making two cottages of one tenement, in the parish of Braughing, wherein live John Fox and John Bateman, the said Bateman being an inmate; and of Robert Bushey, of Cheshunt, as a common swearer.

424. Presentment of Phillip Gayler, of Stansted Abbot, "for both refusing to watch when his turn was, and also refusing to pay the hire of him that the constables set in his place."

444. Indictment of William Green, of Weston, yeoman, for enclosing five perches of the waste land adjoining the highway there, called Harper Lane, leading from . . . to Baldock.

445. Indictment of Thomas Wilkinson, of Edgware, co. Middlesex, labourer, for publishing false news concerning Col. Henry Guy, a justice of the peace and member of the house of commons, namely, that he ran away, for that the King was to dine in private at the house of Mr. Guy, at Tring, and was there to be poisoned by him, and that the Queen's regi-

ment was gone after Mr. Guy to arrest him, and that one company of the soldiers was then at Edgware and another at Watford for that purpose. (See No. 394).

454. Indictment of the inhabitants of Standon, for not repairing a highway there.

462. Indictment of Edward Holt, the younger, of Hertford, labourer, being the town scavenger, for depositing dunghills on the highway and in the market-place there, and permitting them to remain there, to the obstructing of the way, and to the great annoyance of the public.

463. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Great Amwell for not repairing four poles of the highway leading from Hoddesdon to Hertford Heath. Presented by Sir Benjamin Maddox, bart., after his personal inspection.

464. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Stansted Abbotts, on the presentment of Sir Benjamin Maddox, bart., for not repairing part of the highway, four poles in length, near a place there called "le Green Lane" leading to the Meades.

465. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Great Amwell, on the presentment of Sir Benjamin Maddox, bart., for not repairing three poles of the highway leading from Stansted to Hertford.

466. Indictment of John Manlove, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for breaking into the garden of James, Earl of Salisbury, and stealing two peck measures, two bushel of peaches, and twenty bunches of grapes. Endorsed. That he be committed to gaol and carried to Hatfield the next market day and whipped at a cart's end.

467. Indictment of William Barnard, of Barkway, husbandman, for absenting himself without permission of the court after having been empanelled and sworn as a juryman and for refusing to act as a juror. Endorsed. Fined 5s.

468. Similar indictment of George Chandler, of Bishop Stortford, husbandman.

469. Indictment of William Cowper, of Little Munden, labourer, for enclosing half-a-pole of the waste adjoining the highway, in Danes End, leading from Byde's Lane to the common highway there.

481. Certificate by two justices of the peace that whereas the surveyors of the highways in the parish of Wymondly Magna have been presented for not repairing an ancient highway leading from Hitchin to Willian, adjoining to a certain piece of ground commonly called Kimbiloe Peice, and being 100 rods in length and two rods in width, they, the said justices have viewed the highway and find that the surveyors have used their utmost dilligence to repair and amend it; and that it is now in good repair.

489. John Cocks' account for work done to Fore Bridge, in the parish of Braughin "since he undertook the repairing of it. For carting, gravelling, and stoneing of it, £1.

490. "An account of what money I have disbursed upon the 37 souldiers taken up by their Majesties proclamation:—

	£	s.	d.
"For an horse and man to London to the Commissioners of the Navy Office to know their orders	00	10	00
"For bread, cheese, and beere, while they were in custody	04	05	07
"For 14 stone of meat on Sunday at 18d. the stone	01	01	06
"For 4 men watching 5 nights	01	00	00
"Spent in bread and beer on the road ...	01	06	00
"For the hire of 2 waggons	01	06	00
"For 6 horses and men to guard to London at 10s. the man	03	00	00
"For 7 foot men to guard them at 6s. a foot man...	02	02	00
	£14	11	01"

493. A portion of counsel's brief (?).

Thomas Tommalin, William Fetch, Nehemia Baker, Mary Lovett, widow, and others, selling drinks as victuallers, in Bovingdon, and being legally licensed as they had also been for several years last past, Thomas Lomax, esq., one of the justices of the peace for the county, sent Mr. William Haydon, then churchwarden of the parish of Bovingdon, and Joseph Dell then constable there to try the said victuallers' liquid or ale measure, who accordingly came to their several houses, and proved their measures by a Winchester copper measure brought, as the said victuallers are informed, for that purpose from St. Albans and used there for a corn measure only.

After this time the said victuallers heard no more of them till some short time after Michaelmas sessions last, when the constable and churchwarden aforesaid came again and told them that they must sell no more beer nor ale for that Mr. Lomax had "put them down at sessions." But they gave the victuallers no account for what misdemeanors they were put down, neither would they allow them time to sell the drink they had in the house, which the said persons, being poor and not otherwise able to pay the common brewer for, were forced to make off their customers, travellers, taking money for nothing but victuals and tobacco.

Yet some persons having (as the said victuallers supposed) informed against them for their selling drink (though they sold none) they, the said churchwarden and constable came again and demanded twenty shillings apiece for a contempt in selling drink after they were (as they said) put down, and threatened to whip the said Thomas Tommalin (being an aged man of about sixty years of age) at the whipping post if he would not pay the money, and resolved upon a day to do it on; on which day they came again and entered into the said Thomas Tommalin's house and made distress upon his goods for the said twenty shillings, and carried them away and detained them till they had the said twenty shillings, and they threatened Nehemiah Baker with the house of correction in default of payment and frightened him out of the country for some time, and never

left perplexing any of them till they had twenty shillings apiece of the said Tommalin, Fetch, and Baker. The measure for ale is the exchequer quart and not the Winchester measure, which is used only for corn, and therefore the said victualler's measures were not rightly proved.

The suppressing of these victuallers hath considerably lessened the King's and Queen's Majesties' revenues, at a time when they have most occasion for them, and would be of very ill consequence at this time should this be "presidentiary."

The said victuallers' old licenses are sent up to the commissioners and governors of their Majesties' revenue of excise, who are very much surprised at their surpressing, and we suppose have them still in their custody.

The said victuallers cannot be informed as yet, whether anybody joined with Mr. Lomax in suppressing them.

The constable aforesaid, instead of distributing the said twenty shillings apiece (as the said victuallers are informed) stopped part thereof in his own hands for debts due to him from poor people.

The convenient victualling houses should be upon the road where those were suppressed, the said road [being a] quiet easy road, and therefore more made up by drovers with their fat cattle than the other road.

It is hard these persons should be charged with quartering soldiers till they were almost undone, and so soon as they had ease from them and hoped to recruite themselves, that they should then immediately be suppressed.

They were condemned to pay the said twenty shillings apeice only for disposing (without sale) of stock they had in the house when they were suppressed as they suppose. Selling less than measure (if they had so done) had been at first only punishable by . . . *The document is damaged at the foot.*

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16. Warrant to the keeper of the house of correction to receive the

body of Ann Goodman, spinster, of the parish of Welywn, charged with refusing to work and maintain herself, and with other misdemeanours, both to her "dame" and others of the said parish, and to punish her according to law, allowing her nothing but what she shall earn by her labour. Subsequent order that she should be removed to Welywn, "being very sick" and be provided for by that parish.

48. Recognizance of Ann Fryer to appear and give evidence against Matilda Lervex, widow, who said several times that "she did not care if King William were hanged" and also, being in company at the "George Inn," Ware, with Roman Catholics, said "that they loved one another as well as they" [as protestants?] (See also No. 96).

52. Recognizance of the above Matilda Lervex to appear and answer for speaking seditious words against the government. (See No. 96).

58. Recognizance of Johathen Whitcherly, of Gilston, concerning his unlawfully carrying a gun and shooting a hare.

82. Recognizance of Henry Wharley, of Hunsden, to appear and answer his "base and malicious expressions" concerning Michael Altham, clerk, one of their Majesties' commissioners for charitable uses, in the execution of his said office, calling him "Father Peeters, and Old Peeters"

84. Recognizance of William Lambert to appear and give evidence against Mary, wife of John Hines, of Broxburn, concerning the receiving and concealing of stolen goods. (See No. 85).

94. Information of Susan Glennister, of the parish of Hatfield, that when George Venables was sitting by the fire at the George Inn, at Hatfield, a soldier, known as John White, came to him and pulled out some money saying "Here is all the money I have left of the King's, here is a round O look on it." Robert Venables took it into his hand and looked on it and would have returned it to the soldier again, but he refused to take it saying, "You are now a soldier," upon which Robert Venables flung down the shilling upon the bench and said he would not take it.

96. Information concerning Matilda Lerveux accused of uttering seditious words against the king. (See Nos. 48 and 52). Ralph Robins engaged to bring the said Matilda Lerveux to answer the said information "but when he came she was gone away," whereupon he was given a *mittimus* wherever he met her to carry her to gaol. "He, on pursuit after her, found her in Essex and charged a constable with her, and she was carried before Captain Wroch, and he took her securitie and another for her appearing." (See Nos. 45 and 52).

99a. Presentment of Joseph Crowch, of Weston, for enclosing of 6 acres (more or less) "of common field land" in a field called Little Bury Field, and stopping of two ways, one leading from Weston to Cumberlow Greene, and the other to Kingswood from Weston—30 poles; and of the inhabitants of Standon for not repairing their highway from Collier's End Hill to Labden Bridge, containing about 30 poles. (See No. 115).

101. Presentment of William Cooper for an encroachment upon the highway [at Little Munden ?] of nearly half-a-pole, at a place called Dane End, leading from Byde's land to the highway there.

104. Presentments of John Bruton and Edward Hawkins, of Hitchin, for suffering persons to tipple in their houses during divine service on the Lord's Day.

106. Presentments of John Lewell and William Bonfeild, both of Baldock, for refusing to watch upon their Majesties' service when summoned to do so.

107. Presentment of Thomas Casse and Henry Bawcock, surveyors of the highways of Ware Upland, for refusing to summon the labourers and "teemes" within the said parish, to mend the ways according to statute.

109. Presentment of the following:—William Clayton and Nathaniel Thomson, of Waltham Cross Ward, in Cheshunt, for not mending the highways and not executing their office; of Francis Gin, of Essendon, for "laying a dunghill on the King's highway to the annoyance of the inhabitants;" and of Henry

Kilbey, of Hoddesdon, for erecting a "fovist" chimney in an old barn which "doth endanger the town in being burnt." For indictment see No. 133 where the nuisance is described as "an unusual chimney."

110. Presentments of the following:—William Rankin and Henry Alderidge, of Puckridge, for not scouring a ditch in Standon parish, "which doth much damage to the town of Puckridge;" of George Girralds, of Hartingfordbury, for taking in of a piece of ground out of the lord's waste; and of Abraham Sumner, of Estwick, for not keeping up of the common gate that leads into Hunsdon Woods.

114. Indictment of Joseph Crouch, of Weston, labourer, for taking in thirty perches of the common highway there, at a place called Bury Field, leading from Weston to Cumberlow Greene, and from another highway leading from Kingswood to Weston. (See No. 99).

170. Indictment of James Grover, of King's Langley, labourer, for keeping greyhounds for chasing game, and for killing many hares and rabbits by the aid of the same, he being unqualified so to do.

181. Petition of John Featherstone, of Aston, basketmaker, showing that "there happened a sad and lamentable fire" in his dwelling-house, which "notwithstanding all endeavours and means used to extinguish the same, in a short time burnt down to the ground, the said house and shop adjoining, together with all his household goods, gleaning corn, and stock of wares, and that which was most lamentable, a poor innocent child of six years of age was also consumed in the flames, to the astonishment, ruine and utter undoing of the said Featherstone, he being thereby, with his wife and two small children, reduced to the extremity of want." The petitioner prays that the justices will be pleased to grant him letters of request to the inhabitants of all the adjoining parishes, to extend their charity towards his present relief, and the rebuilding of his house, and the repair of his other losses.

Endorsed. "John Featherston to be provided with a house by the parish of Aston—he paying rent.

183. Petition of James Sigston, of Ware, on behalf of his daughter Martha Lawrence, showing that she was married to one, John Lawrence, son of John Lawrence, of the parish of Standon, who after his marriage "enlisted himself a dragoone in Captain Staningford's troope in Col. Levingston's regiment, in their majesties' service for the reducing of Ireland," 21st May, 1690, during which time the petitioner's daughter could not hear whether her husband was living or dead, and who has, with her child (who is now one year old) been kept by the said James Sigston. He shows that John Lawrence, father of the said John Lawrence, is of abillity to take care and provide for the bringing up of the child, having received all the goods which his son left, and his booke debts, yet not allowing one penny towards the relief of the petitioner's daughter or her child. The petitioner begs that the grandfather may "take care for the nursing of the said child." Order that the petition should be referred to certain justices.

184. Petition of John Bird, of Barkhampsted St. Peter, showing that he served as a soldier for the late King Charles I., in the civil wars, during which time he received many wounds, and which now, in his old age, trouble him so that he cannot earn a living, and praying that he may be allowed a pension from the maimed soldiers' fund. Signature of the rector and other parishioners of Barkhampsted.

187. Certificate by certain justices that the highway in the parish of Stansted Abbot (for not repairing whereof the inhabitants stand indicted) is now well and sufficiently repaired and amended.

188, 12 January, 1691. Certificate that Robert Moer attends the quakers' meeting place.

190. Certificate by certain justices that the highway leading from Weston to Baldock, in a lane called "Harte Lane," and for which William Greene, yeoman, of the said parish, stands indicted, is now "very comodious and safe, both for horse and carte."

191. Certificate that the highways in the Waltham Cross Ward, in the parish of Cheshunt, have, at the request of the surveyors, been viewed, and that they are now in good and sufficient repair. (See No. 109).

194. Certificate by certain justices that they have viewed the highway in the parish of Amwell, leading from Hoddesdon to Hertford, which was out of repair, and for which the inhabitants stand indicted, and that it is now in good repair.

198. Statement that Thomas Ingold, about 12 years before, left the parish of Hunsdon in which he had lived about 8 years, leaving two children chargeable to the said parish. He has been two years of the said twelve a soldier; he lived at John Hoggett's and William Daniell's, both of the parish of Matching, in the county of Essex, for two years before he went to be a soldier and worked as a journeyman weaver since he returned from the army. He went in February last to his old master, John Hogett, of Matching, and stayed there till April last, and then was removed by Sir Edward Smith and Colonel Luther to the parish of Hunsdon.

Request by the parishioners of Hunsdon that the said Thomas Ingold may be sent to the parish of Matching, as the place of his last legal settlement.

208. The following are the names of certain Dutchmen indicted for the murder of Henry Wooton, who are now acquitted of the said murder and convicted of the manslaughter of the said Henry:—Warner Westling, John Scendeputt, and Jacob Screeke. The two following are acquitted:—Vickert Hermon and Simon Venhuppen. They are all detaind in goal until delivered by due course of law, Mary Wooton the widow having brought a writ of appeal against them.

209. Bill for the repairs of the county bridge at Buntingford:—"5½ foot of plank, 1s. 2d.; a shettle 9 foot long, 6d.; a gurte 9 foot long 7 by 8 inches, 5s. 3d." The bill amounts to £1 14s. 6d.

212. Bill for materials used and work done at New Bridge and at Buntingford Bridge:—56 feet of plank for the wharf, 14s.;

for 2 posts and 5 rails, 7s.; for 7 spurs, 7s.; at Buntingford bridge. At New Bridge, 310 foot of plank, £5 3s. 4d.; for 72 foot of "gravel pieces," £2 2s.; for 19 spurs for the wharf, £1 5s. 4d.; both bills amounting to £31 11s. 6d.

213. Bill for materials used and work done at Braughing Ford Bridge:—For 416 foot of timber, £24 5s. 4d.; for 50 foot of planks "for wharfing at the end of the bridge," 12s. 6d.; for log of boards and slabs for stancks at the bridge, 12s. 6d.; the bill amounting in all to £49 19s. 8d. Also a bill of the labourers work done at the bridge amounting to £12 11s.

216. Deed between William North, of Hertingfordbury, and Robert Dimsdale, of Hertford, concerning property in Tewin and Datchworth.

218. Computation of a loss sustained by Matthew Harold, of Hoddesdon, caused by fire, his house being burnt down with all his outhouses, hay, wood, and a horse in the stable, with most of his household goods, amounting to the sum of £300.

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251. Warrant to the master of the house of correction to receive the body of Elizabeth Ashwood, an idle person, upon information of Richard Rowly, of Stondon, that she did break into his house, "and did then and there break as many windows in the house as cost his landlord 8s. to mend." Order that she shall be kept in custody, and during that time be made to work, and punished by moderate whipping.

274. Recognizance of Benjamin Race to appear and answer "concerning his travailing on the Lord's Day."

307. Recognizance of Jonas Trahern and Daniell Burnop to appear and give evidence against Barrington Adams and his wife, concerning the abuse and assault made upon the collectors of their Majesties' tax of poll money in the execution of their office.

308. Recognizance of Barrington Adams and his wife concerning the above offence.

309. Recognizance of Lewis Rainsford, schoolmaster, of Bennington, to appear and answer such things as shall be objected against him by Richard Tristram, of Hitchin, maltster, concerning divers slanderous words spoken by him against the King and government. "Ozias" Rainsford, of Hitchin, schoolmaster, is one of the sureties.

323. Presentment that a pond in the parish of "Walkhen," belonging to the Earl of Essex, and called "Bottomless Pond" should be fenced in. *This entry is crossed through.*

324. Presentment of the parish of Standon for not repairing their highways from Collier's End Hill to High Cross—100 poles in length. (See No. 329).

328. Presentment of the following:—John Powers, of Cheshunt, for turning a watercourse in the highway and thereby spoiling the church way; and George Garroll, of Hertingfordbury, for taking in a piece of common field land in a certain common field in Hertingfordbury parish, called "Little Kitt Stockings," containing 4 poles. (See No. 349).

329. Presentment of the highway between Collier's End and High Cross "being by estimation one mile" in the parish of Standon, it being "unpassable for carts and waggons." (See No. 324).

332. Presentment of Thomas Hall, of Barkhamstead St. Peter, for refusing to watch when it was his turn, being lawfully commanded to do so by the constable. (See also No. 356).

333. Presentment of Thomas Daniels, minister, of Bengeo, for not reading divine service in the parish church of Bengeo upon the "Fast day last past." (See Nos. 350 & 357).

335. Presentment of the inhabitants of Standon, for not repairing of Collier's End Hill (20 poles), and also a place at Labdon Hill (20 poles) both in the parish of Standon, they being so much out of repair "that there is scarce any passage." (See Nos. 324 & 329).

338. Presentment that a highway leading from Ware to Amwell Chalk Hill is "ruinous and out of repair for fower score pole," and that the inhabitants of Little Amwell ought to repair the same.

341. Indictment of Thomas Kitchen, of Little Munden, for not repairing a common gateway there, leading from Dane End Street into a common field called Brook Field in the said parish.

342. Indictment of Joseph Prentice, of Great Gaddesden, labourer, for breaking into the hogg-stye belonging to the mansion house of Thomas Saunders, in Flamsteed, and taking therefrom a sow-pig valued at ten pence.

346. Indictment of John Powell, of Chesthunt, labourer, for turning a watercourse from his house there into the common highway.

354. Indictment of Elizabeth Withers, of Chesthunt, spinster, for vagrancy, she being sound and able-bodied but under no master, nor exercising any vocation for a livelihood.

357. Indictment of Thomas Daniell, of Bengeo, clerk, minister of St. Andrew's, Hertford, for neglecting to read in his church a royal proclamation of 4 William and Mary, concerning a fast and particular prayers to be observed in all the churches and chapels of England. (See Nos. 333 and 350).

358. Indictment of Abraham Hange, of Hempsted, labourer, for working in a field there on Sunday.

360. Indictment of John Webster, Mathew Greene, and William Pearson, all labourers, and inhabitants of Little Amwell, for neglecting and refusing to provide workers and implements for the repairs of the common highways there.

367. Indictment of William Ferguson, labourer, an inhabitant of Bishop Stortford, for refusing to provide his horse for carrying a soldier thence to Barnet.

375. Indictment of John Jepps, otherwise Gepps, of Gravely, labourer, for assaulting Anne, the wife of John Hopkinson, otherwise York, at Gravely.

376. Indictment of David Kydea, otherwise Scott, the elder, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for erecting a wooden shed there upon the lord's waste, and enclosing four feet of the said waste.

377. Indictment of Thomas Hawkins and Edward Nash, both of Caldecott, labourers, for neglecting to scour the river there of weeds.

379. Indictment of Mary Wiltshere, wife of Richard Wiltshire, labourer, for stealing two yards of "filletting" value tenpence, the property of Mary Greenhill.

380. Indictment of Benjamin Clarke, of Hunsden, for saying while conversing with Jeremiah Mathewes and Robert Pitt, servants of Mathew Blucke, esq., one of the justices. "I will go to Whitney (meaning James Whitney, of Chesthunt, labourer, a reputed robber) and rob upon the highway," and "I will go to Whitney, and the first man that I will rob shall be my master (meaning Mathew Blucke, late his master)," and further "If I had that horse (meaning the horse of a person unknown casually passing) well accoutred I would go to Whitney."

384. Presentment of Oliver Falkland, of Winested [?], in the parish of Watton, for exercising the art, mystery, or manual occupation of "les" glover, not having served seven years apprenticeship thereto.

385. Indictment of Henry Brooke and other inhabitants, of Standon, for not repairing a common highway leading from Collier's End to a place commonly called High Cross, through which way the public had from time immemorial been used to pass on foot and with horses and carriages, without hindrance.

386. Indictment of Israel Keynton and other inhabitants, of Hertford, for not repairing an ancient common highway there, leading from the house of Henry Widdrington to the gaol there.

387. Indictment of Thomas Wood, of Stortford, labourer, for erecting a "house of easement" in a place adjoining the house of John Jones, of Stortford, to the annoyance of the latter and other neighbours.

390. Petition of Robert Tarry (?) showing that he had spent the best part of his youth in the service of his late Majesty, Charles I., in Colchester, when it was besieged, and in other

places, and praying that a pension may be allowed him as he is 66 years of age, and his eyesight failing; he is now unable to labour for himself and family as formerly. Certificate with several signatures attached.

391. Similar petition of Henry Gives, miller, of the parish of Kenisworth. (See No. 634).

392. Petition of Jonathan Rose, a prisoner in Hertford goal, showing that he has been in custody for ten months "and never was accused by any person at all of any crime." The petitioner might have been cleared at the last assizes on condition that he would go for a soldier, but this he then refused to do. Having in the meantime taken the matter into his consideration he is now quite willing "to serve their Majesties in the right honorable the Earle of Denby's regement of dragoons," the officer of the regiment being quite willing to take him into the service, under the said Earl's command. The petitioner prays that upon this condition he may be released from prison and delivered to the said regiment.

402. Gaol calendar. Hester Bennet, formerly Hawkins, charged with murdering a bastard child; Henry Joyce for an assault on his mother and blinding her in one eye. "He is a madd man"

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484. 21 February. Mr. Robert Hanslow, of the parish of Standon, gent.; steward to Lord Aston, "engaged his word for his appearance" at the next general quarter sessions, to show cause why he refused to give an account to the overseers of the poor of the said parish and to the constables of the same, of what tythes each parishioner holds so that it may be taxed persuant to an order of sessions.

491. Recognizance of Henry Sykes to appear and give evidence against Lewis Rainsford, of Bennington, schoolmaster, concerning his speaking and publishing very scandalous words against their present majesties and their government. (See No. 309).

492. Recognizance of William Row, the younger, of the parish of Ware, to appear and answer for an assault made upon the constables of the said parish, and "for rescuing out of their custody an able seamen by them impressed for their majesties' service."

499. Recognizance of Edward Hearidge to appear and answer such things as shall be objected against him by William Kendall, of Takeley, co. Essex, "touching his enticing away and entertaining his hired servant, Sarah Little."

505 & 506. Recognizances of William Ball and Joseph Bartle, both of Ashwell, to appear and answer concerning the suspicion of their feloniously entering the cellar of one, John Sell, grocer, by the help of a counterfeit key, and for stealing a considerable quantity of brandy.

507 & 508. Recognizances of Edward Marshall and John Godfrey, both of Ware, sack carriers, to appear and answer for refusing to assist John Worstley, one of the constables of Ware, in the execution of his office.

517. Recognizance of William Byam to appear and answer for "unreasonably abusing and beating" his apprentice, Thomas Freshwater, and refusing him food and raiment and neglecting to teach him his trade.

519. Recognizance of George Cressy, of Cheshunt, to appear and give evidence against William Pricklow, of Great Hadham, touching the unlawful taking of one hare and five partridges.

521. Similar recognizance of William Pricklow, to appear and answer concerning the above charge.

523. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Worstley, of Ware, carpenter, to answer for refusing to keep Mary Boffey, a parish child, bound apprentice to him by the parish of Ware.

525. Recognizance of John Hulls to appear and answer for the unlawful coursing of coneys in the warren of Sir Thomas Rolt, of Sacomb, and for assaulting the servant of the said Sir Thomas.

527. Similar recognizance of John Carter, the younger, for the like offence.

528. Recognizance of William Brace to appear and prefer a bill of indictment against John Chessey, one of the overseers for the poor of the parish of Amwell Magna, and to prosecute him for starving Thomas Brace, his father.

529. Similar recognizance of John Chessey to appear and answer.

540. Presentments of the following :—The parishioners of Standon for not repairing the roads already referred to in Nos. 99, 115, and 335 ; William Firgison, of Bishop Stortford, for refusing to send his saddle horse to carry a soldier to Barnett ; Robert Bynock (?), of Standon, and Richard Wisby, of the same, "to be both common porchers and not qualyfyed to keep neither dogs, nor netts, nor gunns, nor no such things;" and George Shelford, of "Hornmead," and Edward Watson, of Buntingford, for striking and abusing William Boswell and taking away "out of the said William Boswell's jurisdiction," one William Taylor, who was arrested by the said Boswell, he being made a special bailiff for arresting the said Taylor in Shelford precincts.

Long list of signatures attached to the above presentments.

541. Presentments of Nicholas Ansell, of Hitchin, gentleman, for not railing in his moat next the highway in the parish of Ickleford, being by estimation ten poles (see also Nos. 566 637) ; and of the inhabitants of Stondon, for not mending their highway called Labden Hill, about 200 poles, more or less. (See Nos. 115 and 335).

546. Presentments of Nicholas Ansell, of Hitchin, for not repairing the banks of Ickleford river, and not scouring the watercourse of the same river, by reason of which the inhabitants of Ickleford have received much damage in their "commoning;" and of Sir John Read and William Bethell, of the parish of Hatfield, for not scouring the watercourse from Lemstead Mill to Standberry, in the said parish, being 100 poles. (See Nos. 574 and 639, where the above named William is called "Battle").

547. Presentment of John Clark, jun., of the parish of Stansted Abbot for "penning his water with stone, higher than his marks," being a common nuisance to the parish, being in length about 20 poles from the mill bridge to the further end of Henry Grave's orchard. (See No. 641).

548. Presentment that the pound in the parish of Wyllian is out of repair; Mr. Richard Way being lord, and Mrs. Mary Addams being lady of the manor, of the said parish. (See No. 583).

550. Presentment of Anne Cockrill, of Cheshunt, "for lying out of service and not going to church, nor any other place of divine service for two Sundays."

552. Presentment of William Clarke, of Standon, one of the surveyors of the parish, for not looking after the highways and Labdin Bridge.

553. Presentment of the inhabitants of Sandon, for not railing a pond at Church End Green, it being very dangerous and near the highway there, leading to Royston and Sandon, and containing in length about 5 poles.

554. Presentments of the following:—(1), part of the highway leading from Hertford to Ware, which part lies between the lime kiln, near Chalden Head, "and the tree that parts St. John's parish," which is in the parish of Amwell Magna, between Hertford and Ware, the length being 10 poles; (2), a bridge in the footpath, leading from Ware to Stansted Abbot, which lies between Amwell Marsh and Hard Mead, near the river Lea, in the parish of Amwell Magna. John Clark, of Stansted Abbot, ought to repair the same.

556. Presentment of numerous persons named, for not attending church on the Sabbath day; also of Mary Girton, widow, of the parish of St. Peter's, for erecting a cottage on the waste at Colney Heath.

559. Presentment of Robert Browne, of Little Amwell, surveyor of the highways, for not repairing a highway, leading from Ware to Amwell Chalk Hill, which is ruinous and out of repair for four score poles.

560. Presentment of Robert May, of Cheshunt, who, being commanded to carry soldiers to St. Albans in George Waylot's waggon, took the soldiers' pay and left the waggon behind him.

562 & 563. Indictments of Samuel Mead and other inhabitants of Standon, for not repairing 200 poles of an ancient common foot and carriage way, near a place called Labden Hill, in the said parish, and 20 poles of a similar road leading from Collier's End.

566. Indictment of Nicholas Ansell, of Hitchin, gent., proprietor of lands and tenements on the banks of Ickleford river, for not repairing 60 poles of the said river's banks, it having been the custom from time immemorial for the proprietors, tenants, and occupiers of lands and tenements thereon, to repair the same whenever necessary. (See Nos. 541 and 637).

567. Indictment of Daniel Medburne, of Coney, labourer, for refusing to assist the constable there in finding beggars and vagabonds, when called upon to do so.

573. Indictment of John Badcocke, of Ware, for stealing six fowls, value 4d.; four hens, value 4d.; and a piece of beef, value 2d., the goods of James Hulls.

Endorsed: To be whipped at a cart's tail on Tuesday next, at Ware, from the "Crown" to the Great River.

574. Indictment of Sir John Reed, of Hatfield, and John Bethell, of the same, gents., being proprietors of lands and tenements upon the banks of a watercourse, running between Lemsted Mill and Standberry, within the said parish, for not repairing 100 poles of the said banks. (See Nos. 546 and 639).

585. Indictment of Joseph Bartle, labourer, William Ball, labourer, and Elizabeth Amptill, spinster, all of Ashwell, for breaking into the cellar of John Sell there, and stealing a pint of brandy.

593. Indictment of Christopher Parsley, of Hertford, labourer, for keeping dogs for chasing game, and for killing six

rabbits, value five shillings, in the close called Berrymead, of Sir Thomas Holt, knight, in Sacomb, the said Parsley not being qualified to do so.

594. Indictment of John Berresford, gent., for diverting a watercourse into the common highway, and not allowing it to follow its ancient channel through his land called Oakmead, now in the occupation of Thomas Rowley, as it had done from time immemorial.

596. Indictment of Christopher Parsley, of Hertford, for assaulting Christopher Spiggins, at Sacombe.

598. Indictment of the inhabitants of Great Amwell for not repairing 10 poles of the common highway leading from Hertford to Ware.

599. Indictment of John Clarke, of Stansted Abbott, for not repairing at his own proper cost a common bridge at Great Amwell, near a footpath in Amwell Marsh and Hall Mead adjoining the river Lea.

600 Indictment of Robert Browne, of Little Amwell, for not repairing, by virtue of his office of surveyor of the highways within the parish of Great Amwell, a common highway in the parish of Little Amwell, leading from Ware to a place in the latter parish called Amwell Chalk Hill, for a length of 80 poles.

601. Indictment of the inhabitants of the parish of Sandon for not fencing a pond there, adjoining the highway leading from Sandon to Royston.

609. Indictment of Lewis Rainsford, of Benington, schoolmaster, for uttering the following seditious words, viz.: "King James (meaning James II. late King of England) is my lawful King and I ought to respect him." Fined 40s. (See also Nos. 309 and 491).

610. Indictment of William Clarke, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for setting up two posts and one "sheet of railes" and thereby enclosing, encroaching upon, and obstructing at a place called West Street there, a part, being 12 feet long 2 feet wide, of the highway leading from Hertford to Essendon.

611. Indictment of the same, for erecting a brick wall and enclosing thereby a length of 6 poles by 4 feet wide, of a common footpath leading from a common field called Wall Field in the parish of All Saints, Hertford, to the highway leading from "Westreete" there, to the market place.

614. Indictment of the inhabitants of Sandon for not repairing a pond there.

617. Indictment of William Clarke, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for building a wooden outhouse or brewhouse at West street there, on the common highway there, leading to Essendon, thereby enclosing, encroaching upon, and obstructing a part of the same highway for a length of 30 feet by 3 feet wide.

621. Presentmont of Elizabeth Titmouse, wife of William Titmouse, of Wallington, for stealing half-a-yard of lace from William Ensum. Document crossed through and marked "*ignoramus.*"

631. Presentment of Walter Cherry, of Hoddesdon, churchwarden of Broxborne, and Richard Simonds, constable of Broxborne, for, by colour of their offices, removing an unknown woman, who was with child, from Broxborne to Ware, and thereby causing her death.

633. Order by the court that William Joyce and John Wells, chief constables of the half-hundred of Hitchin, and Edward Godfry, of Willian, one of the chief constables for the hundreds of Broadwater, should issue forth their warrants to the several petty constables in their divisions to raise within the said half hundred of Hitchin, and that part of the said hundred of Broadwater, the sum of £20 for the setting up of a house of correction for the said divisions, and for the "buying, fitting, and furnishing of the same with materials." Further order that Sir Ralph Radcliffe and Richard Helder, esq., two justices of the peace, should see the above sum laid out for the use aforesaid to the best advantage of the said divisions.

634. Petition of Henry Gives, miller, of the parish of Kenisworth, praying for an augmentation of his pension of £3 per annum,

for the service he did for King Charles I. in the late civil wars. (See No. 391).

635. Petition of the innkeepers and other inhabitants of Ware whose names are subscribed. Shows that a turnpike was set up at Wadesmill, to the procuring whereof the petitioners contributed "what in them lay," hoping to have some advantage thereby in the way of trade; but that now, when any waggon, cart, or carriage comes "loaden" through the said turnpike to Ware, and pays for such passage as the act directs, in case the same waggon, cart, or carriage returns empty the next morning through the same turnpike, the persons who collect the toll compel the same payments for such returning passage when empty as before when "loaden." By this means the petitioner's constant customers, by whom in a great measure they and their families subsist, do not stay all night at Ware as usual, but return beyond the said turnpike as soon as they have unloaded, to prevent repayment, to the great prejudice of the petitioners and of the trade of the town of Ware in general. The petitioners pray that, in consideration of their great rents, and also as they have always readily and cheerfully, for many years past, for their majesties service, entertained and quartered great numbers of soldiers, often to their great loss and damage, that an order may be made for their relief in the matters complained of. At the foot of the document there is a note as follows: "Whereas there is a clause in the act, that when any waggon or cart goes through the turnpike loaded, and doth come back the same day, such waggon is not to pay, now the court is of opinion that if such waggon return empty within 12 hours, such returning shall count as the same day and shall not be liable to pay."

636. Certificate by two justices named, that the roads in the parish of Stansted Abbott, leading from Marsh Lane to Mill Bridge are in very good repair.

638. Certificate by two justices named, that the highway leading from Mr. Widrinton's to the goal, about 5 poles, lying in the parish of All Saints' Hertford, and also the way leading from the market place towards the waterside, in the said parish, containing 20 poles, are well and sufficiently repaired.

642. Certificate that the "bregg" for which Mr. John Clarke, of Stansted Abbott, stands presented in the parish of Amwell, is made good and well mended.

651. Items from the bill of the repairs of the "Chapell Bridge," in Buntingford:—28 foot of "ocken" plank, 8s. 2d.; a spur for the "brige" 2s. 3d.; the total amount is £1 13s. 4d.

652. The account of Mr. Daniell Cotton, one of the chief constables of the hundreds of Dacorum:—Received of the petty constables for 3½ years quarterage money, due to the master of the house of correction, £8. The outgoings include payments for the repair of Braughin Bridge £5 14s. 0½d., and for the repair of Buntington [Buntingford] Bridge, and New Bridge, £1 19s. 8d.

653. Bill for the repair of Wadesmill bridge: 129½ foot of timber £6 9s. 6d.; John Jersey for mending the bridge, 2s. Sum total £13 10s. 2d.

654. The charge of the beacon erected upon Hertford Heath. The items are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
"To Goodman Collup, of Ware, for timber, and for the use of pullies and roapes	17	4	0
170 foot of timber at 1s. 2d. a foot	9	18	4
Goodman Herrick for the kettle	0	11	0
For great nails	0	5	5
Edward Bickerton for ironwork	2	13	0
Goodman Brown for brick and tilesherds ...	0	11	0
A lead of sand	0	2	0
Goodman Foulks for lime and drawing the timber from Butchery Green to the Church Lane ...	0	8	2
Goodman Draper for carrying the beacon to the Heath	1	4	0
Goodman Renington for underpinning the beacon	0	7	6
For the use of Goodman Browne's wheele ...	0	4	0
Paid William Oacker	0	3	8
Paid John Helder	0	5	0
Paid John King for ironwork	0	8	8
Nails and coard	0	0	4
For beere and dinner at the framing and setting up of the beacon	0	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Goodman Hale for drawing the timber from the Green to the Lane	0	2	0
For making a saw-pit and filling it up... ...	0	1	6
Sum total ...	£35	4	7"

655. Letter dated "Colny, April 21st," from William Briscoe to Mr. Toller, clerk of the peace, regretting that he will be unable to attend the sessions, as he has been invited to an "anniversary wedding-feast," of a friend.

659. List of pensioners, both seamen and soldiers.

660. Note as to the raising of £20, for setting up and making a house of correction in Hitchin, for the use of the half hundred of that division, and part of the hundred of Broadwater. (See also No. 633).

662 to 684. Lists of jurors.

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29. Warrant to the constables of Cheshunt for the arrest of several persons named, to be brought before the justices of the peace at the "Glove and Dolphin," Hertford, "touching their unjust proceedings in the assessments for the King's tax."

31. Recognizance of Walter Cherry, of Hoddesdon, yeoman, to appear and answer for the removing of a woman in labour, from Hoddesdon to Ware, without a pass.

32. Recognizances of Thomas Fitchjohn, of Baldock, waggoner, Nathaniel Sykes, draper, and Walter Bland, of the same, ropemaker, to appear and answer a charge of buying and receiving horse hair from David Smith, now prisoner at Hertford, for stealing the same from William Wright, of Baldock.

33. Recognizance of the above named William Wright, of Baldock, hair-weaver, to prefer a bill of indictment and to prosecute the same with effect against John Fitchjohn, of Baldock, waggoner, and Elizabeth, his wife, for receiving stolen goods.

39. Recognizances of James Bull, of Great Hadham, and Richard Whelpson, of Little Hadham or Albury, for the appearance of Jane Orgar, wife of Henry Orgar of Great Hadham, to answer a charge of surreptitiously obtaining a licence. Endorsed. "That the alehouse of Henry Orgar be suppressed."

49. Recognizances of Stephen Fairboard, William Whitmore, victualler, both of Hitchen, and Nathaniel Whitmore, the elder, of Bearton, in the parish of Hitchen, for the latter to appear and answer the charge of the inhabitants of Iccleford, of entertaining and concealing Nathaniel Flower, who stood charged with stealing a horse of considerable value from Thomas Perkeys, of Horseheath, co. Cambs., yeoman.

51. Recognizances of James Jones, chandler, and John Drewe, victualler, both of Stortford, to give evidence against Thomas Pavet, of Chesthunt, higgler, touching his "venting" of several sums of false money.

63. 8 Jan. Presentment by the grand jury of Mr. Henry Nellson, vicar of Stansted Abbott, for not keeping up his fence, "betwixt the Widdow Traiherne and him," against her orchard; and of William Mason, of Ashwell, for erecting a cottage without laying thereto the requisite four acres of land. Signatures. (See No. 81).

64. 8 Jan. Presentments of a man of Bushey, "called by the name of the sadler," for refusing to assist the constable of the said parish; and of John North, late constable of Hitchin, for sending passengers at unseasonable hours.

65. 8 Jan. Presentment that a certain pond upon Church Green, in the parish of Sandon, is very dangerous to passengers and others, and that the parish of Sandon ought to repair it. Signatures.

66. 8 Jan. Presentment of Mr. Wm. Clarke, of the liberty of Brickendon, in the parish of All Saints', Hertford, for building a brick wall "upon" a common footpath leading to church or market, and from a field called Wallfield to a highway called East Street, towards Hertford, and which lies between Wm. Clarke's ground and Andrew Goodman's

malting. The same Wm. Clarke is presented for erecting a washhouse or brewhouse upon the highway leading from Hertford to Bayford, (Little) Berkhampstead, Essendon, and other places; and for setting up two posts and one rail of pales, joining, or near, to the said brewhouse, between two and three feet into the highway. Signatures.

67. Presentment of Jonas Trayhearne, of Stansted Abbott, for keeping a school without a license; and of Thomas Knolton, a "wheeler," of Hempsted, for stopping up the highway in Crouch Field, with carts and wheels. Signatures.

69. 16 April. Presentment of William Rogers, of Stansted Abbott, for not making up his fence and ditch against the common mead, called Full Meade, in the parish of Gilston; and of John Boram, for causing a gravel-pit to be digged before William Topham's gate, at Hoddesdon, and "not filling the same according to lawe." Signatures. (See No. 85).

72. 16 July. Presentments of Richard Mardall, of Dane End, in the parish of Little Munden, for not repairing a fence and gate "lying between Dane End and a field called Easendon Field;" and of Isaac Wilson, of Awtick, in the parish of Little Munden, for erecting a cottage without laying thereto the requisite four acres of land. Signatures. (See No. 102).

73. Presentment of Thomas Halpeny, esq., of Lilly, for striking the constable of Lilly "when he came to demand money towards the constable's rate;" and of the same as "a common profane swearer." Signatures.

74. 1 October. Presentment of the inhabitants of Wellwyn "for not repairing a highway called Digswell Hill, leading from Welwyn towards Lemsford Mill, containing six poles, and for not being 8 foote wide." Note that the same has been repaired. (See Nos. 76 and 124).

76. 1 October. Presentment of John Smith, of Bishop's Hatfield, for not keeping up a fence between his yard "and Mr. John Barrow;" of Thomas Browne, of Hitchin, "for entertaining of vagrants which hath brought diseases into the towne and prejudiced severall familyes therein;" and of John Feild, and Elizabeth Feild, his mother, of King's Walden, for

erecting a cottage without laying thereto the requisite four acres of land, "upon a piece of land in a common field called Wooden Feild, and frequently, with their tenants, making of severall wayes through the land of Jeremiah Godfrey, to and from the said cottage which hath not been heretofore."

86. Indictment of Thomas Knowlton, of Hempsted, wheeler, for obstructing a certain common highway in a field called Crowch Field, in the said parish, "by setting up a carriage and wheels."

87. Indictment of John Boreham, of Hoddesdon, within the parish of Broxborne, labourer, for making a gravel-pit in the highway there, near the door of William Topham.

91. Indictment of Richard Aldridge, of Stansted Abbott, labourer, for dividing his tenement there, and permitting Nathaniel Hunsdon to live there.

103. Presentment that John Dill, of Hatfield, labourer, on 1st Aug., 6 William and Mary, A.D. 1694, at Hatfield, took a certain woman (un-identified by the jurors) as his wife, and on 1st September, in the same year, at Hertford, took another woman (also un-identified) as his wife, the first-named woman being still alive. Endorsed. "*Ignoramus.*"

105. Indictment of Thomas Burr, the elder, of Ware, maltster, for refusing to pay the rate for the repair of the highways.

117. Indictment of John Paine and John Green, both of Chesthunt, labourers, and also surveyors of the highways of the said parish, for neglecting their duties by reason whereof, "divers pits were digged up" in the lane there, leading from the parish of Chesthunt towards Enfield market, co. Middlesex, for a length of three poles.

118. Indictment of Thomas Hale, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for using false weights when selling goods there.

120. Indictment of Elizabeth Sawyer, of Chesthunt, for breaking into the orchard of Daniel Parker there, and assaulting Edward Parker, and Alice, his wife, Priscilla, wife of the said Daniel Parker, and Mary Dunckley, spinster, and taking away ten bushels of apples.

123. Indictment of Thomas Archer, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for stealing there a weather sheep, valued at tenpence, the property of Abraham Wharley.

127. 10 April. Petition of Edward Greene, of Little Gaddesden, "an aged maimed soldier." to the justices of the peace :—

"The said petitioner's father, being a gentleman of antient family and competent fortune, suffered the losse of all for the late King Charles the First, in the late civill warre, and he, your petitioner likewise was a soldier for the said King throughout all the same, in which service he recieved severall wounds which now in his old age (wanting but one of fower score yeares) which soe weaken and trouble hime, that hee is noe longer able to labour for the maintenance of himselfe and his wife (who is also threescore yeares old and upwards) as he hath allwayes hitherto done without complaint, notwithstanding his maimes, wounds and bruises might have put him upon petitioning much sooner. But now hee humbly petitions this honorable bench that he may receive the benefitt of the act of parliament provided for poore maimed soldiers, and bee admitted to be a poore pensioner of this county." Signed by the minister and some inhabitants of Little Gaddesden.

128. 15 July. Petition of John Hocking, keeper of the gaol of Hertford to the judges of assize:—

"The county gaole is a very weak and decayed building, not strong enough to keepe the prisoners safe that are committed to it, without considerable reparations bee done to it; and your petitioner hath beene at very great charges of late yeares to gard and secure the gaole when notable highwaymen have been committed unto it, who without such gard, would have made their escapes, and your petitioner himselfe hath been forced to bee at such charges to your petitioner's great detriment." He requests an order for the repair of the gaol, and a recommendation of the petition is attached signed by Edward Nevill and Sam Eyre.

"Ordered that Sir William Cowper, Sir William Freeman (?), Sir Thomas Blunt, and Ralph Freeman, esq., or any two or more of them, with the sheriffe of the county,

doe waite on the judges some time the next terme, for their opinion what some they can legally take for the repair of the gaol."

130. 24 September. Some accounts of Mr. William Bristow, gent., late treasurer, containing mention of various of his relatives.

133. Letter from Alex. Weld, dated at Widberrie Hill, 11th July, 1694, to the clerk of the peace enclosing the names of "listed" soldiers.

The names are as follows:—Richard Armstronge, Thomas Barnaby, Richard Burdett, Thomas Buttler, John Bishop, Laurence Batten, Jean Batiste Blon, John Belcher, Siegemund Brugall, George Barker, Humphrey Candy, William Clayton, Charter Cannon, Robert Collinwood, James Calvert, John Cooke, Peter Crafts, Jean de Bosse, Jacques de Mourtiers, Thomas Davis, Peter Estwood, John Ellsoll, John Egar, John Gauntlett, John Giscard, Thomas Greene, Richard Gordaine, Robert Harbrige, Simon Hall, William Holmes, William Jones, Edward Keame, John Kendricke, Jean la Selle, Francois la Fosse, Pierre le Mestre, Simon la Vosse, John Lancassheere, William Matchurate (?), Jean Nioche, Henry Potentine, Charles Roods, Jacob Rouger, Robert Sanderson, Richard Vincent, Jean Jacques Vareille, Robert Welch, John Watts, Thomas Whiticker, Edward Wildgoosse, Francis Barnvill, and Francis Snell.

"These are to certifie that the above-named men, this 6th day of June, came before me, and declared themselves to be volountaryly listed in their Majesties' service, in Count Paulton's troope, in the Earl of Maclesfield's regiment of horse."

134. 27 Sept. The Commissioners of Excise to the justices of the peace, stating "that having thought it our duty to permitt no person to be employ'd in the collecting or manageing the excise who is unfaithfull to the trust reposed in him, oppressive to the subject, or otherwise disaffected to their Majestye's service;" they request the justices to discover if any of the excise officers are in any way unfit for their post, and should they find any such, to "not only punish them by

due course of law, but transmit the informacions to us, that they may be dismissed from the service." Signatures.

135. Letter from William Haworth to Mr. Fowler :—

"George Barnes in Castle Street, Hertford, would have his house registered for a meeting for the worship of God; pray move it in court and you shall be satisfied." Endorsed, "ordered not to be entered, noe person appearing."

139. 19 May. Receipt of Samuel Jones, bailiff, for the sum of £60 robbery money, levyed on the undermentioned inhabitants of Standon, at the suit of Nathaniel Sayer, carrier. Signatures of some of the inhabitants of Standon, headed by the Lord Aston.

140. 6 July. An account of what has been laid out, and what it will now cost to fit up the house of correction at Hitchin, amounting to £43 4s. 5d., and including—

	£	s.	d.
"15,000 and a halfe of brickes, lime, and sand, and workmanship, at 21s. a thousand	16	5	6
For feching 3 load of timber from Breched Greene	1	0	0
For 2 little windowes and one daies' worke of a bricklayer	0	5	0
¾ of a 100 and five pounds of iron for window barrs	0	18	0
8 foote of planke for window stooles	0	2	0
4 paire of hookes and hinges, and 2 staples and revits, and 2 window shuts	0	18	0
For glass for the two windows"	0	2	3

Signed "Ra. Radcliffe."

144-159. Lists of jurors.

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194. Recognizance of Mary Shepherd, of Sabridgeworth, single-woman, Henry Speller, of the same, farmer, and John Cornish, of Gilstone, farmer, for the first-named to appear and answer a charge of threatening Henry Bride, one of the constables of Sabridgeworth, when he was levying a distress upon the goods of William Davis, of the same parish, "and for living with the said Davis as his whore."

196. Recognizance of Charles Wakefield, of Bugden, co. Hunts., in £40, and of Mathew Browning, of Ellington, co. Hunts., and John Browning, of Little Paxton, co. Hunts., in £20, each, for Charles Wakefield to appear before the bench, and to do and receive as the court shall enjoin, being charged by Dorothy Hemmings, of Buntingford, widow, with being the father of her bastard child.

239. 27 February. Information of John Adcocke, husbandman, of Standon, before John Plummer, esq. States that "on Munday, the 25th day of this instant February, he was sent by Richard Lawrence, of Standon aforesaid, gent., his master to plough his ground of Thundridge, in the said county, and John Gibson, husbandman, dwelling in the house belonging to the said ground, came out with a long poll called a setting poll, and struck at the said John Adcocke with all his force, but missing him, the said John Adcocke endeavouring to defend himselfe from the second blow, the said Gibson strucke at him with a bill which he had in his hand and cutt him sorely, and declared that what he did was by the directions of Collonell Plummer, and that he had given him authority and directions to cutt and slash or doe what mischiefe he coulde; at which the said John Adcocke departed and deerst not goe to plough there since, for fear the said John Gibson should doe him any further mischiefe." John Gibson, being examined, admits that he struck at John Adcocke, but denies that he made use of Colonel Plummer's name, and says that he told his wife "he could beteem'd she should dresse a hare with rat's bane or other poyson, and invite her brother Richard Lawrence to dinner, that the said Richard Lawrence and she might eate it."

241. 14 January. Presentment of Thomas Huson, of Datchworth, for refusing to watch and ward when lawfully commanded; and for refusing to lodge passengers, he keeping a "publicke house." Signatures.

248. 15 July. Presentment of Richard Mardall, of Little Munden, for not repairing a gate and railes, leading into a common field called Easendon Field, "by reason of the ground he holds there." Signatures.

249. 45 July. Presentments of Japhet Crooks, surveyor of the highway for St. Margaret's, "for refusing and neglecting to repair and amend" a highway in the said parish, leading from the chappel to the New River bridge; of Leonard Battell, the younger, surveyor of the highway of the parish of Amwell Magna, for neglecting to repair a highway in the said parish, leading from Ware town-end to Hertford, near Rush Green, and for neglecting to cut the boughs that hang over the same; also for neglecting to repair a highway in the said parish, leading from St. Margaret's to Hoddesdon; and of Leonard Battell, the elder, of the same, for enclosing part of a highway, with a hedge and ditch, leading from Ware town-end to Hertford, "by which means the said highway is much straightened."

251. 15 July. Presentments of John Bigge, of Bishop's Hatfield for not keeping his fence, by reason of his tenure of Hollwell ground, from there to Mr. Shatterton's ground next the river, about 30 poles in length; and of Steven Hardinge, of Bengeo, for ploughing up part of a landmark which parted the lands of Mary Woollmer, widow, and the said Hardinge, in a common field called Anslowe field, in the parish of Bengeo. Signatures.

255. Presentment of Robert Sybthorp, of Barkway, for converting an outhouse into a tenement, and not laying four acres of freehold land to it.

256. Presentment that Stephen Harding, of Bengeo, labourer, dug up and converted to his own use, a certain space of grass, in English, "a balk," between his own land and that of Mary Woolmer, widow, in a field called Anslow Field, in the parish of Bengeo.

259. Indictment of Thomas Huson, of Datchworth, labourer, for refusing to "watch and ward" with the constable there.

260. Indictment of the same, being keeper of a lodging-house, for refusing to receive certain "passengers or travellers" when required by the constable.

261. Indictment of Richard French, of Ippolletts, labourer, for that, having found at Letchworth, three sacks filled with wheat, the goods of ——— Clarke, he destroyed the same.

263. Indictment of William Hill, of Ware, yeoman, for refusing to provide a horse and carriage for the king's use at Ware, when called upon to do so by Thomas Bray, one of the constables there, under a warrant directing the constables to impress three carriages with "able horses," for a reasonable day's journey. Fined 30s.

264. Similar indictment of Thomas Wren, of Ware, yeoman.

273. Indictment of Peter Somerstall, of Anstey, labourer, for not scouring a ditch in the highway there, leading from Snow's End to Dane's End, for a length of 20 poles.

276. Indictment of Leonard Battell, of Great Amwell, labourer, for enclosing, with a hedge and fence, a part of the highway there, leading from Ware town-end to Hertford, 40 poles in length by four feet wide.

278. Indictment of Richard Mardall, of Little Munden, labourer, for not repairing a gateway leading into a common field called Essenden Field, by reason of his tenure of a parcel of land adjoining the same gateway in that field.

282. Presentment of Stephen Harding for ploughing up a "balke or landmark," in a common field called Anslow Field, in the parish of Bengeo, between the land now in the tenure of Mary Woolmer and his own land, to the extent of a piece three poles in length by two feet wide.

283. Indictment of Japhett Crooke, surveyor of the highways of the parish of St. Margarett, for neglecting to repair 40 poles of the highway there, leading from the chapel to the New River bridge.

284. Indictment of John Bigg, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for neglecting to repair a fence there, between Hollwell ground now in his tenure and certain lands now or late in the tenure of Thomas Shatterden, esq., lying next the river there, for a length of 30 poles. It is presented that John Bigg ought to repair the same as tenant of the land called Hollwell ground.

293. Indictment of John Curten, labourer, Demeris, wife of

Thomas Hankin, labourer, Elizabeth, wife of Richard Long, labourer, Henry Luce, labourer, and Sarah, his wife, and Edward Pet, all of Chesthunt, for breaking into the close of land called Pond Field, containing by estimation eight acres, in the possession of John Swain, in the parish of Chesthunt, destroying his fences and wasting his crops.

306-314. Convictions for profane swearing.

316. 7 October. Order, that whereas "Waresmill" Bridge, Standon Bridge, Buntingford Bridge, and New Bridge in Westmill, being county bridges, are fallen out of repair, and have lately been partially repaired by some of the inhabitants of the parishes in which some of the said bridges are, at their own expense, Mr. William Plommer, of Buntingford, Mr. John Savell, of Waredsmill, Mr. John Hammond, of Westmill, and Mr. Thomas Etheridge, of Layston, or any three of them, be desired to make an estimate of the cost of repairing the said bridges, and also of what has already been spent on them by the parishioners of the parishes in which they stand.

317. Order that the overseers of the poor and other inhabitants of Benington, pay Samuell Hemings, of Aston, the sum of 5s. 4d., for the maintenance and keeping of Anne Chaundler, "a poore widdow woman," lately deceased, who was chargeable to the said parish for a year, and also the sum of 20s. for burying her; also that the said Hemings should deliver to the overseers all such household goods belonging to Anne Chaundler, as were delivered to him when she first went to him.

319-327. Nominations of constables.

330. 1 October. Account of the laying out of £43 4s. 5d. on the fitting up of a house of correction at Hitchin, the total sum being £43 4s. 5d. The items include "a block to knock hempe upon," "5 deale boardes for making the upper doore and 2 window-shutts," "setting up the whipin post, and 3 other postes."

333. 9 October. Bill of the repairs of the county bridge in Buntingford. The total sum is £10 8s. 5d., including—

	£	s.	d.
"2 upper rayles and oun uprite containing 22 foot	00	04	06
4 louer bars containing 36 feet	00	03	00
9 foot of planke for the steys	00	02	03
41 foot of planke the tope of the bridge and end	00	06	10
26 foot of timber for pousts and rayles and for the turne picke and for spurs	01	12	06
13 foote of qurters for the tnrnstille ...	00	02	02
14 foote of 2 ench planke the wharfe... ...	00	05	04"

334. Cost of repairing the following bridges :—Wardesmill Bridge, New Bridge, and Standon Bridge. The total sum is £7 8s. 0d. including an item, "Bear for all the workmen," 9d.

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390. Recognizance of John Ratey, gardener, to give evidence against Henry Blowes and Richard Broughten, for "drinking King Jeames' health and speaking scandalous words against the government."

402. Recognizance of Sarah Barly, to answer for stealing four handkerchiefs, two night railes, one Holland shift, one Holland shirt, a laced coife, one pair of sleeves, and one laced tucker, belonging to Mary Baldwyn, widow.

428. Recognizance of Joseph Meers to prefer a bill of indictment against John Crab, for stealing eight shirts and shifts, and one dimity waistcoat. (See No. 453).

436. 20 April. Presentments of Henry Willson and Thomas Clarke, constables of the parish of St. Andrew's, Hertford, within the borough, for billeting and quartering of soldiers within the parish of St. John's, Hertford, without the borough ; of Humphrey Mills, sen., and Jonathan Oxendene, constables of the parish of All Saints', Hertford, for the same offence ; of Richard Younge, constable of the parish of St. John's, Hertford, for the same ; and of Thomas Dew, of the parish of St. John's, Hertford, "for about the fourteenth and

fifteenth of February last, he was with a brace of greyhounds in the parish of Bayford endeavouring to destroy the King's game for a common potcher not being qualified according to the statute." Signatures.

438. 13 July. Presentment that the church path leading from Potter's Green in Little Munden, to Little Munden Church, is out of repair in a field called Whitehill Field, and that the parishioners of Little Munden ought to repair it. Signatures.

444. Presentment of Henry Duck, one of the constables of Sabridgeworth, "for not sending the huancry [hue and cry] away that wase in persut of two shollgers that run from thear cullers from Hodesdon." Signatures.

448. Indictment of Francis Prudden, of Caddington, for that being constable there and holding no office in Flamsted, he billetted and quartered divers soldiers upon Robert White, Henry Holloway, Edward Catlyn, and Temperance Fowler, widow, all victuallers and inhabitants of Flamsted. Fined 6s. 8d.

461. Indictment of Abraham Perrott for not repairing a fence lying between the Chequer's Inn yard, in the town of Hatfield, and the land belonging to Luke Wilkinson, of Hatfield, yeoman. (See also No. 492).

465. Presentment of John Swaine, of Cheshunt, weaver, for erecting a house at place called Goff's Lane, leading from Cheshunt Common to the church, and thereby encroaching on the highway.

467. Indictment of Humphrey Mills and John Oxindon, victuallers of All Saints' parish, Hertford, within the borough, for billeting soldiers and others upon ——— Hawkins, widow, without authority.

486. Indictment of Thomas Towrie, Thomas Hulls, and Robert Hulls, all of Ware, bargemasters, for fishing with casting nets at "Nazen," without having lands to the clear value of 40s. yearly.

494. Indictment of Robert Dimsdale, of All Saint's, Hertford,

gentleman, and Benjamin Jones, the younger, of the same, dyer, for assaulting Leonard Dell, "the bellman," of Hertford, in the "Salutation" ale-house in St. Andrew's parish. Dimsdale threw cold water on the head of the said Dell.

500. Petition of John Oxenden, one of the sons of Jonathan Oxenden, deceased, late keeper of the house of correction at Hertford, on behalf of himself and Elizabeth Oxenden, his mother, to the justices of the peace. States that his father is lately dead, and he had for several years past helped him in the management of the house of correction, and since the latter's death, he has continued to manage it, and is now settled in his father's house with his mother, to "help and give assistance to her, for her better livelyhood as well as his oune." He prays the justices to appoint him keeper.

501. 6 January. Certificate concerning the repair of Buntingford Bridge, New Bridge, Standon Bridge, and Wadesmill Bridge, and signed by John Savell, William Plummer, Thomas Edridge, and John Hammond.

505. 23 November. Certificate of the offence of Francis Prudden, as set out in No. 448. Warrant for his arrest attached.

514. 15 April. The bricklayer's bill for materials and work done in repairing Nun's Bridge, in Cheshunt. The total sum is £5 2s. 1d., including—

	£	s.	d.
"A load of flint stons	0	2	6
Carrag of the stons from Amwell hill	0	7	0
12 hundred of the best hard bricks	1	4	0"

515 The carpenter's bill for work done and materials used in repairing the same bridge. The total sum is £22 12s. 04d., including—

	£	s.	d.
"105 foot of oaken railes in 8 lenthes at 5d. a foot comes to	2	3	9
For 94 foot of ground plate 6 by 7 inches square at 6d. a foot in 10 lenthes	2	7	0"

516-518. Accounts of the tolls taken at the turnpike at Wadsmill.

523. 23 April. Inventory of the goods and chattels of Jeremia Hills, late of Offley, being in Lilly and in King's Walden.

526-547. Lists of jurors.

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569. 21 October. Warrant to the constables of St. Andrew's, Hertford, signed by Joseph Saward, chief constable. Recites that "whereas it is manifest that the roads are so infested with robbers, that it is highly dangerous for persons to travel with any quantity or sum of money, and like dangerous for our hundred, and having information given me of the danger threatening our hundred, now to the end that all attempts and desines may be prevented and the hundred secured, these are theirfore, in his Majesty's name, to will and require you to provid five or six able men, without horses, and cause them to be well-armed with muscots, carbines, or gunes, well loaded and fit to due execution, and cause them to be all ready in the market place in Hertford to-moro morning, being Friday, the 22nd instant, by halfe an ouer after six of the clock in the morning, whear I will meet them and see the service performed which will be required of them for the security of our hundred, and that you your selfe personally appear at the tyme and place aforesaid, to give me an account of the execution of this my precept."

585. Recognizance of Thomas Clayton, junior, to answer for an assault made by him upon Francis Kendall, lieutenant in Captain Webber's company, in the Princess Anne's regiment.

586. Recognizance of Thomas Toward for the appearance of his wife, Mary, to answer for a breach of the peace towards Magdalen, wife of George Kirkby, a soldier in Captain James Howard's company, in the Honble. Colonel Farrington's regiment of foot.

596. Recognizance for the appearance of John Collis and John Papworth to prefer a bill of indictment against William Armstrong and Jonathan Parker, now in gaol, on the sus-

picion of idle wandering about the county with counterfeit passes, and also for being in possession of "a paper of scandalous verses, very much reflecting upon the King and government." Note.—"There will be at this sessions one James Lawranceson, of Hitchin, who knows much of this matter; so that, if the court think fit, he may be called upon as evidence against the said Armstrong and Parker."

606. 1 January. Information of Thomas Gardiner, of Sabridgworth, farrier, taken before John Plumer, esq., justice of the peace. States that after the justices of the peace, at the last general licensing of alehouses, at the sign of the Feathers, in Gilston, had refused to renew the license of James Jacob, of Sabridgworth, the latter did repair with this informant to the house of Sir Humphrey Gore, and desire to have his license to sell drink again, which being refused by Sir Humphrey Gore, the said James Jacob as he returned home in the company of the informant said many ill things of the said Sir Humphrey Gore, and particularly these words, "that he was an old rogue and a rascall, and that many an honester man had been hanged," and when he came home to his owne house and told his wife that Sir Humphrey Gore had denied him his license, she "railed upon Sir Humphrey Gore, and said she would watch the next day for the old rogue as he was to pass by her house, and then would tell him what he was and give him a peale, and did further call him evil names, and James Jacob told this informant he would go to Sir Robert Jocelin, an other justice of the peace, and perhaps that old rogue would be kinder than the other," and after he had been there he said "Sir Robert was kinder than the old rogue Sir Humphrey, for he had made them drinke." And this informant said he told George Bride, of Sabridgworth, Edward Goulston, of Gilston, and William Glascocke, of Sabridgworth, of this abusive language some weeks before he told Sir Humphrey of the same. Ordered that Jacob's alehouse be suppressed.

607. 15 February. Information of Richard Brown, of Widford, taken before John Plummer. States that when this informant came to Isaac Grave, one of the overseers of the

poor for Widford, with an order for relief for 18d. a week, under the hands of Sir Humphrey Gore, knt., and John Plummer, esq., two justices of the peace, the said Grave said to him, "that the esquire might as well have sent for a horse out of the stable as to have sent to him for that eighteenpence."

613. 11 January. Presentments of John Impey, of Tring, for "selling of drink in divine service on the Sabbath day," also for abusing the constable and refusing to let him search for Henry Quorington, "upon suspetion of cliping and coining;" and of Henry Farrow, of Stevenage, "for absenting himselfe from the foreman and the rest of the jury in dinner time." Signatures.

623. 4 October. Presentments of Ralph Willymott, of Hertford, gent., undersheriff of the county, "for takeing of a certaine summe of money to excuse the mayor, adermen, and company, from serveing as jurymen;" of Benjamin Jones, the elder, of St. Andrew's, Hertford, dyer, for encroaching upon the river Lea, about eighteen inches in breadth and one pole in length at his house in Hertford, "over against John Hill's house, being below the bridge, by building a wharfe house with wood and other materialls thereon;" and of Elizabeth Field, of King's Walden, for erecting and continueing of a cottage in a common field called Wotton, without laying thereto the requisite four acres of freehold land, "and for makeing severall foote paths in the said feild over severall men lands to the prejudice of the neighbourhood." Signatures.

626. Presentment of Margaret Hust, widow, of Eastwick, as "a common skould and a peace breaker." Signatures.

635. Indictment of Edward Dawes, of Hitchin, tailor, for persuading Richard Shepheard, who was his apprentice, to leave his service, and for being a common procurer of servants and apprentices.

638. Indictment of Margaret Hust, of Eastwick, for being a common scold and provoker of dissensions there.

657. 12 April. Certificate by John Yardley, justice of the peace,

that the under-mentioned are enlisted in the Hon. Colonel Thomas Farrington's regiment of foot, in the companies of Captain Charles Crackrode and Captain James Howard, at Bishop's Stortford:—

In Captain Charles Crackrode's company: John Pace, Arthur Coppin, Abraham Pentloe, Jonathan Stanley, and John Sawyer.

In Captain James Howard's company: Thomas Heckiels and William Morrols.

660. 6 July. Similar Certificate. In Captain Charles Crackrode's company: John Flack, John Woolman, and John Webster.

In Captain James Howard's company: Stephen Rochfort, John Rouse, Henry Reeves, John Woollard, Henry Sutton, Christopher Gibson, Richard Smith, Henry Abraham, and William Sutton.

662. Certificate that George Carpenter, of Hatfield, was brought before R. Wingate, J.P., and convicted of "swearing forty oaths," for which offence he paid 40s. to the constable of Hatfield for the use of the poor.

663. Certificate that Philip Dugard, of Bishop Stortford, labourer, was convicted of "swearing two oaths," and for want of distress was set in the stocks.

665. Petition of Richard Warner, husbandman, of Flampstead, to the justices of the peace. States that the petitioner "for more then forty yeares together hath been a soldier in the service of his majestie and of the late kings of England, and hath been in severall battells both in Ireland and elsewhere, in which he received several wounds in his body by which he is soe disabled that he is incapable of doeing his majestie any further service, and likewise of labouring to gett a livelyhood, so that your petitioner is in great want of necessaries for his support and maintenance," and begs for a pension. Signatures in support of the same, which is endorsed "not granted by reason noebody dead nor noe money in treasurey handy to pay it."

Nos. 666-669. Nominations of constables.

671. Gaol Calendar. Mary Dennis, William Woodard, and William Flixon, old convicts for transportation; John Wood, of Braughin, for threatening to fire houses and for being a disorderly fellow.

673. 10 January. Letter to Ralph Freeman, esq. Stating that the parishioners of Buckland and Tharfeild have agreed with the parishioners of East Reed, to take and receive of them every fourth shilling that is disbursed towards the carriage of all cripples and relief of passengers, as are relieved, carried, or conveyed north, together with their bearing the like fourth proportion of "all hew and crys" going north. Requests a sessions order and confirmation of the same.

679. Gaol Calendar. William Joanes, charged with running away from his wife and child from the parish of North Mimms; Joseph Shepheard, charged with stealing a coat belonging to a trooper, from the house of William Odell of Thundridge; Jane Campion, charged with setting an outhouse on fire at Brent Pelham; Johnathan Parker and his wife, charged with having divers counterfeit seals for passes (the wife is discharged); Wm. Armstronge, charged with having a counterfeit pass and a paper of Jacobite verses, reflecting upon the present government, and also suspected of having stolen a watch. (Parker and Armstrong to remain till next assize for want of surety). The return is made by John Hockley, gaoler.

680-701. Lists of jurors.

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32. 10 October. Order to distrain the goods of Mrs. Jane Petchey, of Sawbridgeworth, widow, to the amount of £3, who, though having a draught [of horses] or "a ploughed land," in the said parish, and being duly summoned by the surveyor to serve with her cart and horse for six days, in repairing the highways, neglected or refused to do so, thereby incurring a penalty of ten shillings for each day's default.

83. Presentment that the part of Archer's Bridge in the parish of Tewin, which belongs to Mathew Green, of Warren Gate, is much out of repair, and should be amended by him, by reason of his tenure of Warren Gate Farm. (See No. 143).

86. Requisition signed by John Duke and Samuel Reynalds, constables, Joseph Crampthorne and John Duke, parishioners, and William Presland, carpenter, all of Sawbridgworth, setting forth that High Bridge being a county bridge is very much out of repair, and has suffered much damage by the late "floods and high watefs," and has been viewed by "an able and known" carpenter, with the assistance of two of the parishioners, who estimate the cost of repairing it at £18.

88. Presentment of Sir Thomas Rolt, knight, as lord of the manor of Sacomb, for not keeping the Temple pound in order. Signatures. (See No. 141).

90. Presentment of Nathaniel Kimpton, of Barkway, for digging a ditch 20 poles in length, in a common field called Newsell's Mill Field, in a place there called Mill Hill Bottom, so near to the common horseway, from Barkway to Royston, as to be dangerous for passengers.

91. Presentment of Ann Seamor, widow, of the Rose and Crown in Baldock, for refusing lodging to two soldiers. Signatures. (See No. 109).

106. Indictment of Hannah, wife of Arthur Johnson, of Hoddesdon, labourer; and Elizabeth, wife of George Harden, of the same, labourer; for stealing twenty pounds of feathers, value 10 pence, the property of Robert Tarry.

110. Presentment that from time immemorial, there has been a common stream in the parish of Knebworth, running near a parcel of meadow there, in the tenure and possession of John Clarke, of the parish of Kempton, which river has for the space of one month been stopped up by gravel or earth, and that the said John Clark ought to amend the same by reason of his said tenure.

121. Indictment of Moses Dunckly, of Hunsdon, labourer, for stealing a shirt value sixpence, and one pair of stockings

value twopence, the goods of Joseph Querne. Endorsed. Ordered to be whipped, till his back be bloody, in the Angel Inn yard. (See also No. 122).

123. Indictment of Thomas Cawdle, of the parish of Chesthunt, for stealing a parcel of wheat "in gavells," from the close called "Nine Acres," the property of James Parnell.

144. Order that certain surveyors of highways do make satisfaction to Arthur Windus, for great spoil and damage done to him in digging, breaking, and carting through his ground in the parish of Standon, and carrying away gravel therefrom, and in the event of the parties failing to agree, it is further ordered that the surveyors do attend the court and shew cause why the court should not ascertain the damage done to the said Arthur Windus, and order him satisfaction.

146. Whereas Thomas Pask and Francis Flyer, esquires, justices, did by their warrant or order dated 17th December, 1697, cause to be removed one Martha Corbey, singlewoman, from the parish of Furnix Pelham, to the parish of Mallingdon, co. Essex, as the place where she swore before the said justices, that she was last legally settled with one Mrs. Burningston, as an hired servant for the space of one year and a half, and whereas the parishioners of the said parish of Mallingdon, did now appeal against the said warrant or order, and upon a full hearing of all parties on both sides it did appear unto this court that the said Martha Corbey did serve the said Mrs. Burningston for above the space of one whole year, but was only hired by the said Mrs. Burningston from one quarter of a year to another, and whereas a question did arise whether the said Martha Corbey, being hired as aforesaid and serving for the space of one year, shall be taken to be a lawful settlement of her within the said parish of Mallingden. It is, therefore, ordered by the court at the request of, and by and with the consent of all persons concerned, that the said matter in difference be referred to the opinion and determination of the judge or judges of assize.

147. 2 May. Order on the complaint of Richard Cock, one of the surveyors of the highways or "stone wardens" for the parish of Kimpton. Setting forth that a ditch or watercourse, lying in the grounds of William Ceeley, of Kimpton, in or

near a meadow called Water Gate Mead near the highway there, leading from Kimpton to Coddicott, is a nuisance; Cock called upon Ceeley to cleanse and repair the same, as he ought to do by reason of his tenure of certain lands in Kimpton, but he refused, citing a late Act of Parliament, and thereupon the said Cock cleansed the said watercourse under the provisions of the said Act) at a cost of £4 5s. Ceeley refused to refund this charges. Cock thereupon applied to certain justices for remedy according to the said act, but they declined to do anything and referred him to the court. It is found that Ceeley ought forthwith to pay the amount, and in case he refuse, it is ordered that his goods be distrained upon.

Endorsed. Order upon a full hearing that this order be repealed. October Sessions. (See No. 157).

150. Warrant, under the Acts for the relief of prisoners for debt, for Alexander Weld, of Ware, esquire, to appear at the next general quarter sessions and show cause why Edward Hunsden, of the same, a prisoner in Hertford prison, who owes him £13 should not be discharged.

155. Petition of John Bird, of Barkhamsted St. Peter. He is over eighty years of age and afflicted with the "numbe palsey." Hearing that the justices, by reason of the deaths of many of the pensioners, intend to augment the pensions of the survivors, he begs an increase to his present allowance.

156. Petition of John Wallis, of Furnex Pelham, shews that he is over seventy-two years of age and cannot therefore attend his parish church as constantly as formerly, and hearing that he has been presented for absence, he prays that no further proceedings be taken thereon. Witnessed by Wm. Calvert, Joshua Green, vicar, and other parishioners of the said parish.

157. 3 October. Report of Sir Ralph Radcliffe, knt., and Richard Helder, esq., justices, touching a nuisance in Kimpton Mill Lane, alleged to be due to the neglect of the occupiers of Water Gate Mead there. It is witnessed that although the said occupiers have sometimes voluntarily scoured the river

in question yet it does not appear they were "compellable" to do so. The nuisance was rather caused by the penning of the water at Kimpton Mill Dam than by neglect in scouring. The cost of scouring as effected by the surveyors of the highways should have been refunded to them had they not neglected to give public notice of the said nuisance, in the parish church, as required by statute. Any order therefore for such payment would have been ineffectual. The parties concerned were asked to refrain from taking advantage of the surveyors' default, but submit to an order on the merits of the case. They all refused except Mr. Ce . . .

Endorsed. Ordered that this be filed but nothing done upon it. (See also 147 and 171).

159. 10 July. Letter dated at Widberie Hill from Alexander Weld to Mr. Toller, clerk of the peace. I received a summons to attend the quarter sessions by a warrant from Justice Mahoo, in "order to a debt" owing to me from Ed. Hunsden a late tenant of mine, of £11, for a year's rent due at Christmas,'95, and 40s. for keeping cows for him. "I understand by the warrant he hath made oath of his insufficience, and that he has been sometime a prisoner, but not on my account, and not worth £10: but I am informed and by very good hands, that his father, a very ancient man, near 80 years of age, and he his eldest son may and supposed will leave him three or four hundred pounds, and his wife if she pleaseth the advantage of forty or fifty pounds, and if allowance be given to such persons and tenants to swear their rents off from their landlord, who make little or no conscience of swearing, we shall have no money to pay taxes, but I shall refer myself to the judgment and pleasure of the bench. I question not but I shall receive justice and favor from them," &c.

161. Letter from Capt. B. Woollaston to Mr. Toller, at Hertford, desiring him to draw up recognizances, as follows:—

Robert Bushby, of Chesthunt, for selling drink on Sunday, in the marshes to a multitude of people, "rasling" and football playing.

Charles Rolfe, of Hoddesdon, for his good behaviour. This Charles Rolfe is a very suspicious person and has stolen

several things from the person with whom he lodges, and he belongs to a gang of rogues that are newly discovered in Hoddesdon. Therefore he deserves to continue bound.

170. Indenture of apprenticeship of Thomas Humerstone, a poor child of Hoddesdon, bound by the churchwardens of the same, to Robard Cook, to learn husbandry. Forty shillings to be allowed for clothing by agreement of the inhabitants. On a printed form signed by two justices and the parish officials. Endorsed. Robert Cook is servant to Lady Salisbury, as keeper, and pays no rent for his house. Only the churchwardens' and overseers' hands and seals put to it. "The boy hath the itch to a great degree."

172. Bill for repairs to the county bridge in Buntingford, the items include :—

	£	s.	d.
For 73 feet of 2 inch plank for the top of the bridge	1	4	4
For 56 feet of plank for the wharf	0	14	0

Total amount of the bill is £6 5s. 11d.

173. The charges that Grace Peereman hath put the parish of Aspenden to, since we received her by virtue of a warrant from the justices :—

	£	s.	d.
For her lodging and living at 1s. a week ...	0	11	0
For the time of her lying in for beer, candles, "soope" diet, firing, and other necessaries ...	1	3	4½
The midwife for delivering her of her child ...	0	1	6
For three weeks for her nurse	0	15	0
For the use of linen at her lying in	0	2	0
For necessary things to put her child in ...	0	5	1
For saving the appeal to the clerk of the peace his fee	0	5	0
For guarding her to the justice...	0	0	6
For her charge at the house of correction ...	0	4	9
	£3	8	4½
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	£3	8	4½

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